

Birch Front Aims To 'Expose' Rights Drive

By Julius Duschka

Washington Post Special.

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The John Birch Society is organizing a nationwide campaign to set up front groups opposed to the civil rights movement. The groups are called TACT — Truth About Civil Turmoil—and their operations are being directed from the society's western headquarters in this Los Angeles County community.

Literature being distributed by the society says the TACT committees are organized "by concerned local citizens for the sole purpose of helping their patriotic neighbors to understand and expose what is behind the riots and lawlessness of the so-called civil rights movement."

Headed By Former PR Man

Directing this and the prospering Birch Society's other organizing and money-raising activities is 38-year-old John H. Rousselot, a former public relations man and Republican congressman who is regarded as the heir apparent to the society founder, Robert Welch. Rousselot runs the society's western office.

In the Birch Society's Janu-

ary bulletin, Welch emphasized the importance of the TACT campaign.

Welch noted that there have been few civil rights demonstrations in recent months but said that "this may be only a lull in the storm" because "you can be sure that the Com-

munist behind the 'civil rights' fraud are not going meekly to drop, for long, so vitally important a part of their total strategy of subversion."

Set Up Meetings In L.A.

TACT committees in the Los Angeles area have organized a series of nightly meetings over a three-week period be-

ginning Jan. 17. The featured speaker will be Leonard Patterson, a Negro who was a member of the Communist Party in the 1930s and is now a lecturer for the Birch Society.

Nowhere in a four-page brochure describing the meetings is the Birch Society mentioned.

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THE RADIO-TV BEAT: The John Birch Society is launching a radio campaign with ~~specialty~~ prepared 15-minute programs. Members are being asked to sponsor the shows in their local communities.

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Mr. [REDACTED]
for the John Birch Society, [REDACTED] Glenview,
Illinois, visited the office today and offered his services,
stating that he would gladly furnish the names of all
members plus the Communist Party publications they subscribe
to in their line of work. In addition, he stated that if
the FBI desired any information concerning the John Birch
Society, he would be more than happy to cooperate.

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He also stated that he is going to use excerpts
of the Director's message in the January, 1965 FBI Law
Enforcement Bulletin when he participates in the Tom Clark
Radio Program on February 18, 1966, which will feature
"Support Your Police Department".

Mr. [REDACTED] was thanked for his offer and was
furnished no information.

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B'nai B'rith Report Views Birch Society

The John Birch society today "appears to be a permanent fixture on the American political scene, at least for the foreseeable future," according to the current issue of "Facts," a report by the Anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"Whether it can be quarantined on the fringe of the American political spectrum depends in large measure on American conservatives," the report concluded.

Updates League's Book

The report is the result of a year-long study of the strength, organization, and activities of the Birch society. It updates the league's recent book, "Danger on the Right," said A. Abbott Rosen, director of the league's Chicago executive offices.

"What is of concern . . . is the damage the Birch society can do to the democratic climate and process before the good sense and sober moderation of the American people lay it to rest and render it a mere footnote in the history books of the future," the report said.

"Some Members Elected"

The report noted that some Birch society members already have been elected to public office, and others are candidates.

Membership in the society has swelled to more than 80,000 in 5,000 chapters across the nation, the report said.

"Chicago, with 17 chapters, has been an area of disappointment to the society," it said. "But recruitment has gone much better in such north shore suburbs as Glenview, Evanston, Mount Prospect, and Northbrook.

"Yet, there are four Birch bookstores in greater Chicago and a fifth in Rockford . . . which, with some 20 chapters, has for several years been a Birch stronghold. Early in 1965, the society opened its midwest headquarters in Glenview. There has been little Birch strength downstate."

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John Birch Society members may be welcome on the New York police force, but they're not in Chicago. New York's new Police Comr. Harold Leary caused eyebrows to raise with his statement that he planned to permit his policemen to belong to the Birch Society "if membership did not impair their efficiency." The Chicago Police Department, while not naming the Birch Society, has adopted the principle of "not encouraging membership in any extremist organization." . . .

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Bircher Role In Girl Scout Rift Hinted

By Jerome Watson

Officials of the Glenview Girl Scout Council will meet Thursday to decide the validity of an election that has triggered 13 resignations from the council.

Should the election, held Feb. 3, be declared void and a new one scheduled, the latest act in a drama that has split the council could be rewritten.

Behind a confusing power struggle that has engulfed Girl Scouting in the prosperous North Shore community (pop. 25,000) lies an unusual story of rumor, hostility and fear.

Few of those involved in council affairs are willing to discuss the crisis in detail. Those who will talk insist on remaining anonymous.

The most widely circulated report is that members of the John Birch Society—which has its Midwest headquarters in Glenview—helped mount a last-minute telephone campaign that defeated four slated candidates for council offices.

A spokesman for the Glenview office of the society denied the existence of any plot "to take over" the Girl Scouts.

"Every time a member of

the society gets involved in something as a citizen, all of a sudden it becomes a John Birch Society project," he said.

The defeated candidates were chosen by a nominating committee whose slate traditionally has been elected automatically at small turnout meetings.

It is not clear why the Feb. 3 election was contested or whether the four candidates elected by a close vote after their nomination from the floor even sought office.

The defeated presidential candidate, Mrs. R. W. Wilcox, refused to discuss any aspect of the conflict. So did the elected president, Mrs. William Klein.

But Jeannette Inniss, elected a council delegate to the Girl Scout national convention in one of the contested races, termed the resignations simply the result of "women being petty."

She added: "This whole thing is just a matter of personalities. It'll blow over."

However, one official who resigned said "intense pressures" were applied to the nominating committee in an effort to control slatemaking.

She refused to say what the

pressures were, but added:

"There's something a lot bigger than personalities or the Girl Scouts involved in this. I'm not sure a new election will help. I think something has to explode."

Another one of the resignees said, "This was a dirty election. No one wants to talk about it, because we want to protect the 1,500 girls in the council. But people are afraid."

The word "fear" popped up frequently in conversations with those who quit the council. Part of the apprehension is that the current rift may cause the council—and member troops—to disintegrate.

"I can tell you that if this thing isn't resolved, a lot of troop leaders are going to quit at the end of this year," said another official who resigned.

"A handful of people brought this (election contest) about," she said. "Some leaders went along with the dissenters unwittingly. I was stupid. I heard about the telephone campaign, but I dismissed it and went off to play bridge."

About half the 200 leaders and officials who were eligible to vote attended the Feb.

3 election meeting. A council officer said the turnout usually is smaller.

A Glenview clergyman who witnessed the blowup said some "unfortunate rumors" were floated during the short election campaign.

"I've never seen anything like this happen in a mild organization such as the Girl Scouts," he said. "Everyone wonders whether Birchers are behind this."

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Resignations have been submitted by these officers and leaders:

Mrs. William Murdock, first vice president; Mrs. W.

D. Wallace, treasurer; Mrs. John Page, council member at large; Mrs. Robert Avery, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Donald Richter, west neighborhood chairman; Mrs. Richard Reimer, east neighborhood chairman; Mrs. Walter Mroz, camp chairman; Mrs. B. A. Burnside, midtown chairman.

Mrs. Bernard Paugels, member at large; Mrs. Charles Strissel and Mrs. Raymond Glassman, nominating committee members; Mrs. David Hillstrom, Troop 52 leader, and Mrs. Lester Budz, Cadette organizer for the midtown area.

Bircher Dispute

Scout Election Raises Stir In Glenview

BY RAYMOND R. COFFEY

Suburban Glenview was caught up Thursday in a tide of rumors linking the superconservative John Birch Society to an election contest that has divided the Glenview Girl Scout Council.

A spokesman for the Birch Society, which has its Midwest headquarters and many members in Glenview, denied that the organization has any project involving the Girl Scouts.

And woman leaders of the scouting program involved in the election controversy said they had no proof that the Birchers were involved.

Yet they and others in the community acknowledged that the rumors were persistent and growing.

"THERE ARE a lot of Birch Society members out here and some of them are very interested in the Girl Scouts," said one council member who resigned as a result of the election controversy.

But she said, "I couldn't say the society did anything deliberate about the election."

THE controversy grew out of an election Feb. 3 in which four persons, nominated from the floor, defeated candidates proposed by a nominating committee.

It was the first time the recommendations of a nominating committee had not been routinely accepted. And the election contest was preceded by an intense telephone campaign against the nominating committee's state.

Thirteen members of the council resigned in protest after the stormy Feb. 3 meeting.

FINALLY a special council meeting had been called for Thursday to determine if the Feb. 3 election was valid. But Wednesday council members were notified by phone that the meeting was canceled.

One of the members who resigned in protest said that "what we resented was the by-passing of the nominating committee."

She predicted that another election would be held and the problem would be resolved within a week.

Another protester, Mrs. Lina Glassman, commented:

"There are rumors that the Birch Society people are infiltrating the Girl Scouts. I don't know about that. But I do know there is an infiltration by somebody."

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Glenview Girl Scout Council Asked To Rule In Vote Row

By Jerome Watson

The board of directors of the Glenview Girl Scout Council referred to the full council Thursday a decision on whether a recent, controversial election was valid.

Eleven members of the 21-member board — the minimum required for a quorum — met at Glenview's Adahi Camp Thursday. They voted unanimously to ask the full 296-member council to meet March 5 in an effort to resolve the sue.

Chairman at the meeting was Mrs. R. W. Wilcox, who was defeated for council president in the Feb. 2 board election. Absent was Mrs. William Klein, new president.

13 Have Resigned

Since the election, 13 members of the council have resigned in what has variously been described as a power struggle, a "matter of personalities" and infiltration by the John Birch Society.

Most prominent rumor is that the Birchers mounted a telephone campaign before the Feb. 2 election that defeat-

ed the four-woman slate of the council's nominating committee.

The nominating committee slate traditionally has been elected at small turnout meetings. It was defeated at the Feb. 2 election, at a meeting at which only about one-third of the council members were present.

Parliamentary Point

The attempt to void the election was prompted by a parliamentary decision that only the office of the president was open to nominations from the floor. Other officers filled were delegate-at-large and nominating committee members.

The John Birch Society has denied the existence of any plot "to take over" the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Klein Thursday issued a statement in which she said she was "not a member of the John Birch Society."

"It is regrettable," she said, "that the rumors concerning the election . . . have reached such proportions. These rumors are untrue, and distorted, and irreparable harm has been done to scouting in Glenview."

"I did not seek the office

of president. However, I was nominated from the floor and elected. I feel the election was completely legal and in compliance with the constitution and by-laws of the . . . council. The defeated candidate for president did herself move that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the elected slate, which was done."

Mrs. Klein added that "so far as I am concerned, I have no backing from any political organization, and I am not active in nor a member of any organization, political or otherwise."

Charges Rumors Damaging

Other members of the council, who declined to be quoted, said that however the crisis is resolved, the fact that Birch infiltration has even been rumored may cost the council "quite a few girls."

A number of calls from parents have been made to the council office in Glenview, a spokesman said, and at least one caller indicated she would resign her troop leader position because of the rumors.

At the Adahi Camp meeting

Thursday, the vote was 9 to 0 for referring the question of election validity to the full council. One member abstained from voting and the chairman, Mrs. Wilcox, did not vote.

Mrs. Wilcox said the board could have rescheduled the election, but decided to ask the membership for a decision. If the members decide the vote was invalid, she said, the council could vote immediately on new officers.

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On 2/27/66, JOHN O'CONNELL, Chief of Police,
Hoffman Estates, Illinois, Police Department, furnished
one copy of the following leaflet:

"Coming to Schaumburg.....

"Civil Rights

"Symposium

"March 4, 1966 - 8 P.M.

"Golden Acres Country Club

"(Roselle Road between Higgins and Schaumburg)

"Hear 5 quality speakers - each presenting a phase
of the Civil Rights Movement. Among the topics to be
covered are:

"Voting Rights/their relation to the Constitution
of the United States

"Negro Progress in America

such as: "Be on-hand to hear the answers to thrusting questions

"Is there Communist involvement in the Negro
Revolution?

"Do the Communists have a Civil Rights Program?

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"In view of great interest shown in the Civil Rights Movement at every level of our society. The John Birch Society, is honored to present documented facts to aid every American in arriving at a clearer understanding of the Civil Rights turmoil in which, we presently find ourselves embroiled.

"Sponsored by the Schaumburg Area members of the John Birch Society

"A donation of \$1.00 per person will be appreciated to help defray meeting expenses."

Chief O'CONNELL stated these leaflets are currently being distributed through gas stations in the Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg, Illinois, area.

On 2/27/66, MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois, Police Department, advised that rental of the Golden Acres Country Club, which is actually in Schaumburg, Illinois, had been arranged for by one SAMUEL E. BARBER, 301 Westview, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Chief CONROY stated that no background or arrest information is available on BARBER in police files of Hoffman Estates or Schaumburg, Illinois. He stated that inquiry by his department has developed that above described rally may be attended by as many as 200 to 250 persons. Nothing has come to the attention of police which would indicate trouble as a result of this rally.

Above rally will be followed by Chicago through established sources solely for the purpose of being in a position to report any possible demonstrations that might evolve from this event. As noted, Chicago at this time has no information to indicate this meeting will be the source of any demonstrations or violence.

Meddling Of Reds, Washington Hurting Rights Cause—Welch

By Jerome Watson
Sun-Times Correspondent

URBANA—Robert Welch said Wednesday night that racial problems in the United States would be solved in "peace and freedom" except for Communist and federal government meddling.

The founder of the John Birch Society said racial strife is a result of a massive Communist conspiracy aided by "dupes and stooges" in public office and positions of influence.

Welch, 66, spoke before 6,000 in the University of Illinois Assembly Hall, but neither he nor his debate opponent, Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough (D-Tex.), drew heavy applause.

Both speakers drew equal but infrequent applause as they discussed the topic, "Is the John Birch Society Beneficial to American Politics?"

Welch opened his remarks by stating that Birchers seek less government and more individual responsibility and are arrayed against forces that seek more government, less in-

dividual responsibility and an immoral world.

In rapid order Welch also:

1 Urged the United States to "unleash" Chiang Kai-shek, president of Nationalist China, on Red China.

2 Said democracy—"the worst form of government"—is being substituted for a republican form of government in the United States through a gigantic deception. He said this metamorphosis is being effected by liberals who have been cunningly misled by Communists.

3 Declared the creation of police review boards to be another Communist plot designed to frighten police and lead to a transfer of local police authority to an increasing tyrannical government.

nical government.

Yarborough attacked the Birch Society as an authoritarian organization similar to the Communist movement it opposes. He attempted to discredit the society by reading passages, without comment, from books written by Welch.

Yarborough noted that Welch had said President Franklin D. Roosevelt was used by Communists without his knowledge, that President Harry S. Truman was similarly used, and that Dwight D. Eisenhower was an active, conscious agent of communism while serving as president.

Yarborough said this stand alone proves that the Birch Society is not "beneficial to American politics."

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtel to Director, dated 2/28/66.

On 2/28/66 JOHN O'CONNELL, Chief of Police, Hoffman Estates Police Department, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, advised that records of that department indicate the following cars registered to SAMUEL BARBER, 301 Westview, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, telephone 529-3306:

1965 Oldsmobile
4 - door sedan, Blue
Illinois 739-398 (1966)
Hoffman Estates Veh. Lic. #224

1965 Chevrolet
Station Wagon, Green
Illinois 739-397 (1966)
Hoffman Estates Veh. Lic. #227

BARBER rented Golden Acres Country Club, Schaumburg, Illinois, under his own name and paid a deposit of \$50.00. He provided the name of [REDACTED] Schaumburg, Ill., telephone TW 4-9185, in the event he could not be reached.

On 2/28/66 MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois PD, advised that the only information available to him regarding [REDACTED] is the following:

Wife - [REDACTED] a former resident
of Des Plaines, Illinois
Business: Pace Oil Station,
located in Weathersfield Commons
Shopping Center, Schaumburg, Ill.
Business telephone: 894-9574.

Above submitted for information.

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Facts of complaint
Complainant advised that she had been using the telephone ~~box~~ in Union Station when she came across a picture postcard printed by the AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont, Massachusetts. She advised that the postcard showed a picture of "A Training School for Communists" on the picture side and listed 1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 2. ABNER W. BERRY, 3. AUBREY WILLIAMS and 4. [Redacted]

Complainant advised that she was very upset over finding such trash in the phone booth and wanted the F.B.I. to have the postcard for their files. She advised that she was on her way back to work from her lunch hour but she would mail the card to this office.

On 2-17-66, the above described postcard was received in the Chicago F.B.I. office along with a short letter and another postcard complainant found in the Union Station along with a hand drawn map of the Union Station area where she found the two attached postcards.

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Mount Prospect, Ill.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
536 S. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen,

I recently wrote to the Church League of America, of which I am a member, and asked for information on how I could subscribe to a publication entitled, "Political Affairs". They gave me this information and they also suggested that I write to you so that you would remove me from any future suspicion. A letter from you to this effect would be appreciated.

The reason why I think that I would like to obtain this publication is for the purpose of research and information, and not because I agree with the content. If I obtain this publication it would be read by several members of a home chapter of the John Birch Society, of which I am chapter leader.

Any advice or information that you can give me as to the adviseability of subscribing to this publication will be appreciated.

In the same line but in regard to another communist publication, I think that I had better mention to you that one of my chapter members subscribes to the Worker for the same reason. This members name is Mrs. [redacted] Prospect, Heights, Ill.

A short note from you, clearing her from future suspicion, probably would be a good thing to have.

Thank you very much,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)
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Re Chicago airtel dated 2/28/66.

On 3/8/66 MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois, advised that the rally sponsored by captioned organization and described in referenced communication was held as scheduled on the evening of 3/4/66. Approximately 50 to 60 persons were in attendance at this rally held at the Golden Acres Country Club in Schaumburg, Illinois. The rally commenced at approximately 7:30 p.m. and terminated at approximately 11:30 p.m. that date and was held without incident. No counter demonstrations were held and those in attendance dispersed following termination of the rally. Chief CONROY stated that he has received no information indicating that the rally would cause any type of unrest in the community nor has he knowledge that further activities of captioned organization are scheduled for Schaumburg, Illinois.

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219 South Dearborn Street
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Mount Prospect, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to this office, which is being made a matter of record in this office. For your information, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a fact-finding investigative agency and it is not within the prescribed functions of this Bureau to grant clearances.

Your interest in writing as you have is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

MP
H. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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On February 15, 1966, [REDACTED]
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith, 222 West
Adams Street, Chicago, furnished SA [REDACTED]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 3/8/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtels dated 2/28/66 and 3/8/66.

On 3/8/66 MARTIN CONROY, Chief of Police, Schaumburg, Illinois, advised of information regarding a rally of captioned organization which rally was held on 3/4/66 at Golden Acres Country Club, Schaumburg, Illinois. This information is reported in referenced airtel of 3/8/66.

In addition, Chief CONROY advised that Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] Schaumburg, Illinois, telephone TW 4-9365 are reportedly quite active in that area in behalf of the John Birch Society. [REDACTED] is employed by Lattor Chevrolet, Arlington Heights, Illinois. His [REDACTED] first name unknown, is employed by a firm in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. This firm also employs several policemen of the Village of Elk Grove.

Above submitted for information and possible future reference.

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Quit, GOP Asks Reputed-Bircher

The Republican Central Committee of Dundee Twp., Kane County, said Tuesday night it will ask a precinct committeeman to resign for alleged affiliation with the John Birch Society.

The action was taken at a closed executive session of the

committee. Eighteen of the 23 committeemen were present.

A letter is to be sent to Walter Sasenberg asking for his resignation. According to Gene Nelson, committee secretary, Sasenberg had stated in public recently that he was a member of the ultraconservative group.

He declined to comment.

The committee stated in a resolution that it "does not endorse the John Birch Society and repudiates all other extremist organizations and any persons who may be affiliated with such actions of these organizations."

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Subject's name and aliases JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY			Address of subject		Character of case
Complainant [redacted]			Complainant's address and telephone number 148 5th St. Lasalle Ill. 223-1823		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 2/6/66 Time 10:00PM
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Birth date and Birthplace				
Scars, marks or other data Complainant called and said he wanted to be contacted by Agent [redacted]. He advised that he had been contacted before by Agent [redacted] re the John Birch Society. He advised that he was suppose to attend a meeting at the Holliday Inn in just north of Peru Ill. on 1/28/66 however he did not attend. He advised that he has again been contacted by a man by Name [redacted] (LNU) who said he was from Peru, Ill. This person said he wanted to know why he never attended the last meeting. He wants him to attend another meeting but never mentioned the place. He said he had some movies to show him.					
Facts of complaint Complainant stated he wanted to help the FBI but does not know what to do and wants some advise. He said he could be contacted at home or at his place of employment, Elwood Miller Sheet Metal Co., Lasalle, Ill. 223-0362 3/7 [redacted] PH mtgs Sunday DATE 2-14-80 BY SP-1 GSK/ev 100-36671-417 SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED FL-200 Action Recommended [redacted] (Agent)					

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

DATE: 3/21/66

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On February 8, 1966, SA [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] Illinois, telephone [REDACTED] to advise him that he would be personally contacted by SA [REDACTED] when he was again in LaSalle, Illinois.

On March 7, 1966, Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had been contacted by a [REDACTED] (phonetic) to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society to be held at the Holiday Inn, LaSalle, Illinois. He stated that he did not attend this meeting and was subsequently contacted by [REDACTED] to find out why he hadn't.

[REDACTED] said he was concerned as to whether or not he should attend meetings of this organization.

[REDACTED] was advised that the FBI could not advise him in this matter and that what ever course of action he took would be of his own choice. He was told that this organization was of no investigative interest to the FBI but that if he wanted to voluntarily furnish information to the FBI about any matter he felt would be of interest he could do so by contacting the writer or FBI, Chicago.

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Chicago, Illinois 60606
March 21, 1966

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Mr. [] Room 905
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Streetn
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. []:

I spoke to you over the telephone at approximately
1:15 P.M. today regarding the enclosed post card
which yours truly found in the West Concourse of
the Union Station phone booth - Dearborn 2-8338.

Previously the writer has sent you information
found in the same booth.

The two enclosed items are the front and back of
said postcard found today. I am keeping the
original and should have erased your phone number
and the phone number of the booth I first called
you in; before making XEROX copies of same.

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If you have further questions you wish to ask of
me, I can be reached at # []

Sincerely, /

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40865)
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS, OF AMERICA (DCA)
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DATE: 3-31-66

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Date received 3/7/66
Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] (protect-Requested)
Received by [redacted] Chicago, Ill., who SA [redacted]
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Date of Report

2/27/66

Date(s) of activity

2/25, 26, 27/66

Brief description of activity or material

RE: W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA,
NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING,
CHICAGO, ILL., FEB. 25-28, 1966

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Remarks:

INDEX: [redacted] (LNU), [redacted] (LNU), [redacted] (LNU), [redacted]
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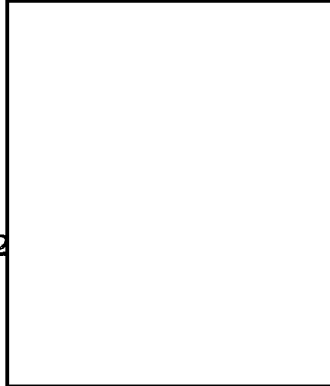
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() has been furnishing information to the Chicago Office. He is not being considered for PSI development because he holds "ultra-right" views and it is not believed he could be controlled. However, he has been advised the FBI will be happy to receive any information he has that he feels might be of interest to the FBI. () because of his "ultra-right" views is afforded no direction by the Chicago Office. The report furnished by him concerning the above mentioned meeting is being retained in CG 100-40865-1B. *CU*

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[redacted] furnished the following information on 3/7/66 concerning the meeting of the National Coordinating Committee of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America held at the DuBois Freedom Center, 2908 West Madison St., Chicago, Illinois, on February 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1966:

AGENDA FOR NCC

Friday, February 25 -

1. Keynote speech
2. Finances
3. Upcoming tours of Nat'l officers
4. Moving Nat'l office to Chicago
5. Miscellaneous

Saturday, February 26 -

1. Peace
2. Civil Rights
3. Economic Program
4. Summer Project & Community Development
5. Nat'l Action

Sunday, February 27 -

1. Campus
2. Convention
3. Leadership
4. Publications
5. Structure
6. Miscellaneous

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PERSONS ATTENDING THE DU BOIS NCC MEETING

NAT'L EXEC. OFFICERS

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- [] - Chairman (Los Angeles)
- [] - Organizational Secretary (LA)
- [] - Educational Director (LA)
- [] - Publications Director; Ed. of
"Spur" (LA)
- [] - Office Mgr.; Acting Ed. of
"Insurgent" (LA)

REGIONAL STAFF

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- [] - Western Division
Co-Ordinator
[]
Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211
[]
- [] - Eastern Division Co-Ordinator
[]
Lakewood, Ohio, 44107
[]
- [] - Southwestern Co-Ordinator
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, N. M.
- [] - Fillmore Area, L.A. (?)
- Editor; The Organizer
[]
Minneapolis, Minn., 55414
[]
- [] - Northwestern Co-Ordinator
[]
Seattle, Washington, 98105

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[redacted] - West Coast Co-Ordinator (LA)

New York, N.Y.

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[redacted] - Member of Standing Committee
of NCCTEWN - friend of FRANK
EMSPAK

[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202

[redacted] - Seattle, Washington.

[redacted] - Chicago (Roosevelt Univ.)

[redacted] - Chicago (West Side Freedom
Center - Dir.)

[redacted] - Chicago, Ill.

[redacted] - Editor, "Peace & Freedom News"
Member of Nat'l Coord. Comm. to End
War in VN

[redacted]
Madison, Wisc. 53703 (SCARFACE)

Couple - University of Indiana

[redacted] s girl friend)

[redacted] - Chicago (West Side Freedom
Center)

[redacted] - Philadelphia, Pa.

[redacted] - Baltimore, Md.

[redacted] - Detroit, Mich. (Wayne State)

[redacted] Chicago, Ill.

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[redacted]

U. of C. Campus Organizer -
Sect. [redacted]

Chicago, Ill.
[redacted]

[redacted]

Oregon State (Just moved to
Chicago)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Chicago (U of C)

[redacted]

[redacted]

Chicago, Ill.
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SOME MEMBERS WHO COULDN'T ATTEND NCC MEETING ~~U~~

[redacted]

Int'l Peace Secretary (LA)

[redacted]

Chicago, Ill.
[redacted]

[redacted]

Chicago, Ill. (U of C)

[redacted] ~~U~~

[redacted]

Southern Co-Ordinator

BETTINA APTHEKER -

Berkeley DuBois Club

[redacted]

Chairman, Haight Ashbury
Project,
San Francisco, Calif.

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[redacted] Berkeley DuBois Club

[redacted] Western & Regional Director
of the Nat'l Comm. to Abolish
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[redacted] (Univ. of Wisc.) SDS, NCCTEWN

[redacted] - Albuquerque, N. Mexico

[redacted] - Editor, "The Insurgent"

FRIDAY

1. KEYNOTE SPEECH - [redacted]

"The whole movement to the left has reached a crucial turning point ... with the Greensboro Operation, the McCarron-Walter Act Revision and the Peace Overtures... mainly because these were obvious problems & people felt that they had a moral committment. The primary problem facing these people is that the main issues have been conceded and the system has given as much as it's going to give... and now they realize that the whole system has to be abolished ... thru force! U

"A movement is not just one organization ... but a number of groups... A movement has to be flexible ... & the DuBois Clubs (DBC) even though it is a group...it is also a movement; a movement for goals - political & economic...and it must be flexible to new ideas. U

"The DBC should turn its attention from the university community to the working class youth. The base has to be broad and in order to do this it has to approach the unemployed & working class youth because they are the ones subjected to the evils of capitalism ...and really know capitalism ...and it is here that we as a socialist youth organization should go. U

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"Working-class youth will bring an economical approach to the problem...and here we need not a moral approach, but a concrete one!" ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MISC. COMMENTS

[] - "Speaking about the new level of the Civil Rights Movement is, as I understand it... no longer dealing with moral, but economics ... such as job description, poverty and things like that...and very profitable for discrimination is the fact that people who gave money to it before do not contribute anymore." ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[] "What is the role of the DBC ...What role do we play and just who are we fighting?" ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[] - "I think we can't think of the DBC as leading the new movement...but, rather, we should enhance the movements that already exist." ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMENT

[] often referred to the DuBois Clubs as "my" organization...taking much credit for its organization. In actuality, the predecessor of DBC was the Communist Labor Youth League.) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2. FINANCES

"This organization has since September been working with a full-time staff of 5 officers...we have also lost our fund raisers...our budget is \$15,000/year and we are markedly near that figure now." ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Specific problems:

1. Most of the people in the Nat'l Office (N.O) have not received any pay for some time. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
2. No trip - no funds.
3. No issues as funds from bulk mailings. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
4. Over-all cost of running a nat'l organization... a realistic estimate for the summer project & convention is \$7,000. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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3. TOURS OF NAT'L OFFICERS - []

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"Try to start a nat'l campaign to raise funds, I will be in the Midwest the end of March...and [] will be in the East Coast primarily to raise funds at that time!" *XU*

4. MOVING THE NAT'L OFFICE - []

"We have to completely move the entire Nat'l Office into Chicago by May 15th...in order to get things operating smoothly for the Nat'l Convention & the Summer Project. We have not as yet found an office but our Chicago contacts are working on that now." *XU*

[] - We would really rather have everything set up by May Day...That gives us just two months to complete this task...I have contacted a prominent person who owns offices in Chicago... and who once fought for the Spanish Civil War in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade... He is very tired, having fought for our movement many years.... but maybe we can persuade him... to give us office space! I think the Loop area would be a fine location because it is the nucleus of activity in the Midwest. *XU*

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[] - I disagree...I think we should locate in a ghetto area so we can relate to the working class youth. I think that areas on the near north, near west or near south sides of Chicago would be ideal for our purpose. We in New York are in the process of moving our freedom center because of harrassment by police & right wingers... in a slum area we will be protected by the Ghetto youth from fascist attacks. *XU*

[] - We should find a location in the ideal non-slum area... because we already have a freedom center in the kind of area you suggest. Our new nat'l office should be in the center of activity and easily accessible in all cases for all our contacts. *XU*

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[] - We will be situated by May 15th...for sure. 40

5. MISCELLANEOUS

[] - We in the New York DuBois Clubs have been given a large plot of land in the New York suburbs...We have the title. The question is... what do we do with this land....build a summer camp or what? The man that left us the land is very sympathetic to our cause and really surprises us with the gift...still, we would rather have the cash! 40

COMMENTS:

(Friday nite...during the program several men & a girl came in and sat in a corner and proceeded to watch the gathering intently. I asked [] who they were and he said they were members of the Chgo. Communist Party. 40 40

During a break, everyone was talking casually when I overheard [] saying that the general background of everyone at the meeting was that they graduated from CORE to SNCC to DuBois Clubs...He was saying that leadership would never attract ghetto Negro youth unless they injected soul & religion into the movement. 4 4

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[] suggested that we work more closely with the groups in Chicago that were in the same movement working toward the same revolution. We can only win in this struggle, he said, if we interchange ideas & tactics. Some of the groups that he mentioned as being already linked & working with the DuBois Freedom Center to win over the Ghetto Negroes were: 4 4

The S.C.L.C. (KING), C.C.C.O. [] Urban League, Wider Community Staff [], Chgo. Comm. for American-Soviet Friendship, I.V.I. & the American-Friends Service Committee...among others. 40 40

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During the break, [] was talking with [] from Seattle (who stated during the discussion that she had been in The Movement for ten years) and he was telling of the progress being made in the movement in Chicago...he mentioned a number of individuals who were speaking at meetings & gatherings to help the cause. 4

Some of the names were: [] (U of C),

[] (SCLC), [] (CCCO), []

[] Father WILLIAM HOGAN (IIT). []

[] (IVI), []

[] & others. 4

I talked with [] (Oregon State), about how things were going in the South. He mentioned that he had been active all over the country, but the South was the place The Party was most interested in taking over...especially Mississippi & Alabama. He said that he had trained with freedom fighters & learned quite a bit from KING's buddy, BAYARD RUSTIN, who was a communist. [] said that the SNCC workers in the south were all armed with pistols & shotguns and looked forward to the coming revolution. He said they weren't afraid of people or the police because Federal laws made it possible for SNCC & other groups like the MFDP & Deacons for Defense & Justice to operate without too much fear of retaliation. He said that the only thing the civil rights & peace movement people feared in the South were the John Birch Society members who flooded the key areas of importance with anti-communist literature, and slowed up the movement. 4

[] said that the probable date for the coming revolution would be on the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution...October, 1967! He said that since he had been pretty active in the South & on the coast, he could feel pretty optimistic about the future of socialism in America. 4

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I played dumb most of the time...(which is my normal state anyway)...and asked various people basic questions about the future of the movement & our role in the revolution. [redacted] said, "The King Drive which we will be a part of, will be the most important & decisive political movement... since 1931! It will be the most important civil rights drive in the history of the movement toward the Revolution." 84

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SATURDAY

I. PEACE - [redacted]

"It is difficult to think of any magic victory for the movement as long as there is a war in Viet Nam...the same of the economic implications."

I. War in Viet Nam is to sustain & increase our influence in Asia.

- A. Not recognizing NLF (Viet Cong)
- B. Having ignored interest in the industries & economic growth of Viet Nam.

II. The Lies

- A. Refusal to withdraw troops.
- B. The Building of permanent bases in Viet Nam.

Some positive peace leads:

- 1. The Gruening Amendment (pro-Viet Cong)
- 2. The Kennan Statement (pro-Viet Cong)
- 3. The Foreign Relations Committee Hearings & Statements made by other officials.
- 4. The Kennedy Statement (pro-Viet Cong)

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How do we take advantage of these "positive" leads?

1. Sen. WAYNE MORRIS has to be quoted!
2. Sen. GRUENING is second who should be quoted a lot, because of his Selective Service Act. Amendment.
3. Challenge Candidate in your area to debates & peace candidate to debate with incumbants.
4. The key issue of Viet Nam is recognition of N.L.F. (Viet Cong)
5. President JOHNSON continues to say that he is willing to comply to the Geneva accords of 1954, yet he refuses to talk with the N.L.F., using for example that the French did talk to the Viet Minh in order to end the Indo-China war but that talks failed.

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Working Class Youth & Peace

Working class youth are not as a whole interested in the war in Viet Nam. They are interested primarily in economic goals - jobs or job-training, etc. We have to relate to these people that the war in Vietnam is drawing off the funds that would be used for a more democratic and socialist America, and using them to fight the illegal capitalist war of aggression. Slogan -- "End Foxholes. End Ratholes."

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[] --- There is a change...and I would like to comment more...at one time there was the temporary demonstrations, marches & protests...now we have the National Council of Churches on our side & the American Civil Liberties Union...we have the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, with Sen. FULLBRIGHT & MORSE on our side & we have the tremendous KENNEDY statements about blood & recognition for the NLF. I think now the protests should be constant... leafletting, petitioning & debates. I think the DBC should back peace candidates, and if there is no

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peace candidate, Democrat or Republican, the DBC should raise the question during the campaign. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 4U

[] - WAYNE MORSES', People's Foreign Policy... that foreign people affect American people...and that all people should take more interest,... should be emphasized. WAYNE MORSE has come out for the NCC of the DBC because we reach the people at the Gov't level. Letters to Congressmen are important in influencing the stand in Vietnam. 4U

How in the (obs): can you expect people to want peace in Vietnam when they can't even find peace here on Saturday night....I propose a NLF (Viet Cong) in this country and speak for the people who feel they don't have a place in American society. 4U

[] - "We should organize a Nat'l Liberation Front in the ghetto. All you (obs) white folks don't have any substance to your discussion... what the hell are all you white folks about? ... What are you going to do? Don't just sit here and talk and have no plan of action!" 4U

[] - try to relate the movement to the people. Stay away from the radical statements such as: "Support the N.L.F.," "Kill the President," etc. Instead, deal directly with issues that affect them. 4U

[] 1a.) Build up the movement around the issue of the draft. A large number of young men are faced with the draft...they find it hard to get jobs when classified 1-A. 4U

1b) Call for a united Viet Nam...call for a complete withdrawal of all foreign armed forces from Viet Nam. 4U

[] 1a) Stop all this (obs) condescending in thinking that all you (obs) college students are the only ones who can understand the real danger and threat of the U.N. war. 4U

1b) The DuBois Club must be able to deal with all

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opposition of the war...such as...those against the draft...those against the resumption of the hostility in Vietnam. *CU*

How will peace movement relate to Economics Program?

- A. Relate Viet Nam war with problem of community such as:
1. Mobilize masses around issue of interest...such as "War on Poverty," Jobs, etc.
 2. Relate to community the fact that the "War on Poverty" and "Job Corps" are being cut-back because of the Vietnam war. *CU*

3. Print out reasons for the cut-back of poverty funds is because of Viet Nam aggression.

If we do not relate the war to inflation, higher taxes, blood, we will not gain their whole support. Sponsor a "180 sec. for peace" prayer, or march.

A. Community Approach

1. Ramparts Magazine -- on the draft.
2. Radio programs.
3. Opposition to examination on campus, that possibly would tend to make lawbreakers ineligible for the draft.
4. Backing the Gruening Amendment by Petition.
5. Try to get people into History, Civilization & similar classes to talk about Viet Nam. *CU*
6. The issues of democracy and of civil liberty are important to university & intellectual circles...we should therefore sponsor opposition to university giving grades of students to Selective Service boards.
7. "Does He Mean It" pamphlet - distributed

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B. COMMUNITY

1. Comparative scale of food prices six months ago to show inflation.
2. Black or white banners for those who would rather have peace than war.
3. The draft program - passed out at churches, ballgames, parks.
4. Film by [] (free) & talks by []
[] (if we pay his way)

C. RELATING A & B

Make it seem that A & B are the white folks and colored folk.

[] - The DuBois Clubs have to find an approach that relates to people and their jobs.

[] - By the way ...Congressman PHIL BURTON will introduce our "Nat'l Youth Act" in Congress shortly before our Nat'l Action Youth March on Washington on August 28th.

[] - What about Senate or Peace Hearings on Campuses by soldiers in military...people from local areas?

[] - We have expected to have [] here with us at this NCC but he had a much more important commitment elsewhere. His trip to North Vietnam and his article, "Eyewitness to Viet Nam," should be reprinted and distributed in quantity...I wish you could hear him tell the story about the downed American plane & the pilot...it's really great. I'll read an excerpt from the Nov.-Dec. "Insurgent," that should really arouse the people to our movement.

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It refers to the tortures suffered by Sister TRAN THI LY, one of Vietnam's national heroines, by DIEM, with the approval of the United States in 1956-57. "...Sister LY is a native of a village near Danang, the U.S. principal air base in So. Viet Nam. In the years 1956-57, she witnessed many tortures against her compatriots, a common experience for peasants in DIEM's 'Bastion of Democracy.' Children were torn in two by their legs; pregnant women were used for target practice; draft dodgers were disemboweled. Every day Sister LY would find bodies of children and villages floating in the river, killed by puppet troops trained in the United States. & U

"She was moved to write a letter to the Int'l Control Commission, set up by the Geneva agreements, asking to testify as a witness to crimes against the village population. Five days later Sister LY was arrested, and for the next two years underwent constant torture. She was hung by her arms from the ceiling with electrodes applied to her privates. Bamboo stakes were shoved into her and burning irons were jabbed into her skin and twisted. She was buried up to her neck in excrement for days at a time. & U

"After two years of torture, Liberation Front guerrillas freed her and she was brought to the North. She was sent for awhile to the Soviet Union and to China to undergo medical treatment, but to this day she still requires regular blood transfusions because of loss of blood. Her nervous system is shot and she cannot retain consciousness regularly. It is now eight years since her arrest." & U

If we can get the truth about the war in Viet Nam into the hands of enough people by exposing the atrocities of the United States imperialists... the people will help us in the coming revolution. & U

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[] - Let me reiterate at this time the position of the DuBois Clubs of America as adopted at last summer's Nat'l Coordinating Committee meeting in Chicago. Our position paper called for: &U

An immediate end of U.S. aggression in South Vietnam. &U

Ending of the bombing raids against North Vietnam. &U

Immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops and the dismantling of all U.S. military bases in Vietnam. &U

Honoring and application of the 1954 Geneva accords to enable the people of Vietnam to decide their own future. &U

Until such time as free elections can be conducted, the recognition of the Nat'l Liberation Front is the only true representative of the South Vietnamese people. &U

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COMMENTS:

[] the Int-l Peace Secretary of the DBC was recently a guest in North Viet Nam of HO Chi Minh who at that time announced that he had made [] his honorary nephew.. [] was also head of the U.S. Committee of the 1962 Communist Youth Festival. [] generally wears a Viet Cong campaign hat & he wears a ring fashioned from metal taken from a downed American aircraft). &U

2. CIVIL RIGHTS - [] &U

"I am sure that Vietnam is the most important aspect of the civil rights movement and the people's struggle. Let us examine the exception to the rule: &U

"Tactics - 1. After 'spontaneous' demonstrations occur throughout the country...the masses will be conditioned to take what is to follow in stride. &U

"2. We figured that if a sit-in could bust a store, a massive stall-in could break a city or a state." &U

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Take existing jobs or create new ones...
existing jobs are very few and there is high
unemployment...this tends to lose some of the
allies of the system who don't want to lose
their jobs. &U

-- New Direction: As we move closer and closer
to the direct confrontation with the system...
we must make new allies in trade unions & other
left organizations...and demand job creation.
Tactic - direct action by force and the moral
question. &U

Leadership - should be composed of former
college activists who are now working-class
youth. &U

-Those who have been fighting
to help pass act -- inject into '66 elections. &U

"...with the war going as it is, by summer's
end, every poverty group in America will be ready
for this as a result of cuts in budgets, fights to
get poor on the boards!" &U

[] - We must all rally in support of
KING and the SCLC because he is the key to our
success...if we are to be successful in our
common struggle, we must look to the civil rights
movement to carry us along...to the revolution.
I will find support from some old friends of my
mother's; in the trade unions for the DBC movement...
but I might have to be careful because right now...
on the coast...my case is pending before the
Board of Regents and there might be a hang-up! &U

[] - Another aspect of the civil rights move-
ment is the fact that we should lead the cause
against "police brutality" this summer. As we
stated in our booklet, "The Fire This Time," far
too often the police make no pretense of
impartiality where Negroes are concerned. Many
police officers consider it their job not only to
enforce the law but also to enforce "white supremacy"

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and keep the Negroes in their place. If beatings are routine, then humiliating tactics are automatic... rarely is a Negro stopped by police for any infraction of the law without being thoroughly searched and called degrading names. In the Watts area of Los Angeles, the policemen of the 77th District refer to their night sticks as "niggernockers." 40

I will read further the statement of state assemblyman [redacted]... "I have been on the battlefields for the last three days and I have not met one single person who did not express a dislike for the police...on one occasion I saw between 8 & 10 policemen kicking a young man, opening up his skull. This took place in an alley at 4:30 Friday morning... earlier that morning I saw the police rush into the area and start swinging their clubs and attacking 1,000 innocent people, many of whom were sitting in their front yards witnessing the events...Sat., I saw policemen stop their cars at 62nd and San Pedro, draw their guns on two young Negroes and brutally attack them..." You take a large group of people....confine them to an area...deny them decent jobs, education...and housing. Allow the shopkeepers and chain stores to cheat them & hold back financial aid...and, if the residents of the ghetto are black, make sure that the police are not. - We must help in the general call for civilian police review boards...This is a crucial item in this summer's program. New York is getting one thanks to Linday...and now we're going to get one... thanks to KING! 40

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[redacted] --"On a selective basis, I think it would be good to have those Midwest Summer Workers who are free to come into Chicago and other areas for about a week or ten days to get a sense of what life is really like in the area and what an organizer really does." 40

[redacted] - "This could take place a month or so before the project...before people are sent on to other areas -- N.Y. or other centers could be used as well." 40

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[] and [] are the [] of attorney VINCENT HALLINAN ...who is the Marxist counselor for FIDEL CASTRO. They recently led and controlled the Berkeley Protest March on Oakland terminal... using 15,000 marchers...They are both on intimate terms with admitted communist BETTINA APTHEKER (DuBois member), the daughter of HERBERT APTHEKER, official theoretician of the Communist Party.)

3. ECONOMIC PROGRAM - []

I. I think that most of us have been waiting for this discussion. In just two years, we have grown to an organization of 2,500 people with 50 chapters.

II. Why is it that an organization named after the father of Negro struggle has an enrollment just less than half of its total made up of Negroes?

Why is it that an organization built to improve the working class Negro youth fails largely in this task?

III. Last summer marked a turning point for this organization's summer project.

- The result of the summer project has been a hammering out of a new program.

- Our approach is not only to working class youth and activist youth, but to all youth and activist people. But, basically our approach...is to working class youth.

1) Conditions for many of America's young people are literally unbearable.

2) The result is to maintain the old tradition - 1965 - 50% of unemployed persons under 21

- 3 times national average

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- 1/4 of them Negro males
- 1/3 of them Negro females,
- What has been the solution?

-the drafting of these young people!

We propose:

- The creation of the Nat'l Youth Advance.
- Stipend & scholarship for students
- Unemployment insurance for 1st time job holder
- A higher minimum wage.

IV. Success & Failure - is based in program.

A. First...A clubhouse (Freedom center)

1. Contact local street gangs ...church groups, car clubs, etc.

B. The war on poverty should be criticized for being evil to the poor because they don't get that money...the Federal Govt has a responsibility to make jobs & make income for people who don't have them.

4. PROPOSALS -- our main emphasis should be on jobs.

1. Initiate research in jobs & employment in community...jobs & trade union Sect. & community sect.

2. Initiate summer project on jobs & employment in industrial areas like Baltimore, Chicago, Youngstown, Cleveland, Watts, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and South Los Angeles.

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3. August 28, 1966 - that the summer project be culminated with a march on Washington for a real war on poverty, and a stop to the war in Vietnam and the submittance of the Nat'l Economic Program to the Congress. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ X U

A. Proposal - [] X U
That a comic book type text be written on socialism for semi-illiterate working class youth. X U

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B. Nine cities summer project - proposals, Baltimore, Chicago (South Side), Cleveland, Youngstown, South Los Angeles (WATTS) People from that area more so than others ... Pittsburgh, Detroit, *Oakland (40% of population Negro... 25% unemployed...no poverty program), Philadelphia. X U

5.. C. NATIONAL ACTION

- March on Washington ...Aug. 28th for the Real War on Poverty & an end to the war in Vietnam...and submittance of Nat'l legislature. X U

COMMENT:

(The DuBois Clubs unofficially control the "Vietnam Day Committee" & the "Nat'l Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam" and plan to mobilize as many as 30,000 persons to march on Washington...to force the Gov't's hand!) X U

SUNDAY

1. CAMPUS - [] X U

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"Over the past ten months, the Nat'l Exec. Committee has held a series of discussions with a number of DBC campus activists (in the Bay area). These discussions dealt with a wide range of problems in building DBC movements on the campuses... X U

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and brought to light the need for some general direction to our work in this area....it is apparent that so far we have had no consistent approach or perspective and that until the development of one... our successes will be limited." *4U*

In case you want the rest of the campus picture in much more detail... read "Notes on a Campus Program" which I have prepared. *4U*

Since our real sanctuary now...as members of the "New Left".is on the university campus...we can extend our sphere of socialist influence far and near for a long period...by remaining students. We can remain virtually untouchable doing things "as students" that we could never do as average working capitalists...we can travel across the country from campus to campus with no legal opposition as long as we like...until the completion of the movement. *4U*

2. CONVENTION - *4U*

- June 17, 18. & 19 (registration from noon-Thurs) *4U*

-Election of Officers *4U*

-Each region should send at least one person to Chicago ...at least 3 weeks before the convention. *4U*

- Finances - Hall, food, publicity, entertainment and speakers (estimate: \$7,000 total) *4U*

- Those attending - all DuBois clubs, local people, SDS, YSA, SCLC, PLP, SWP, IWW, NCCTEWN, CCCO, etc. *4U*

- At a hotel (reduced rates) or college (free space) *4U*

-Results hoped for - Convention will set tone for summer project. Set basis for national action. New Constitution. New Preamble action. Moral builder. *4U*

- Speakers Rev. KING, Rev. etc. *4U*

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-Structure - Plenary - Peace, Civil Rights, Labor,
Future of DEC, Community Organization, Position
Papers from DEC Point of View. *XU*

- Suggestion - Instead of workshops - topical
group *XU*
Example: Housing, Education & income.

- [] - Since we are talking in terms of 1,000
people, I think the estimate for the convention
should be revised to read \$50,000 because we
have to pay rent, food and transportation costs.
Also, I think that we should be able to get
some top left speakers...leaders in labor, civil
rights, religion and education. *XU*

For entertainment we should get ...free...
[], JOAN BAEZ, BOB DYLAN, JOAN
COLLINS, JAMES BROWN, The Miracles, and/or
the Chad Mitchell trio. *XU*

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Suggestion - that all proposals be considered. *XU*

-That a call come from the Nat'l Office. *XU*

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(One member of the Chad Mitchell trio is a DuBois
Club member.. [] (or so I overheard) is
in the entertainment section of the Communist Party
...& all of BOB DYLAN's music & songs are written
by the party as propaganda...the Party, in fact,
controls the entertainment field...and the folk
music presently in vogue is mainly red propaganda
written by Reds). *XU*

3. LEADERSHIP - [] *XU*

1. The main way in which the north-east
has suffered this year is the lack of working-class
youth in a working-class organization. *XU*

2. This is one area in which we have to give
special consideration - Negroes. *XU*

3. Women. *XU*

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It seems to me that if this organization is growing to grow ...these 3 things must be concentrated upon. *4U*

The leadership has suffered from isolation (Labor, Communists & working class youth) *4U*

Recommendations:

1. Regional structure should be made strong. *4U*

2. Communication among clubs improved. *4U*

4. Publications - *4U*

Brochure - to be sent out. *4U*

Insurgent - response, financially, is poor. *4U*

- approach to people who are & who aren't activists. *4U*

- The move to Chicago isn't coming. *4U*

Spur - The most essential organ in the DBC *4U*

Dimensions - Theoretical magazine for all. *4U*

- All publications should have a regional staff -
be directed to - White working class youth

- High school & grade school

- College students

- have lots of articles & pictures *4U*

- Over-all financially - if money isn't forthcoming,
They will all cease to exist due to lack of funds. *4U*

5. Structure - *4U*

Los Angeles proposal - Background

- a number of clubs (community & campus) with an
area co-ordinator that introduces (co-ordinates)
each to the other. *4U*

- An inability to get both the community &
campus group interested in demonstrations &
programs. *4U*

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-Programs for them from their area of interest...
Labor, peace, culture. *CU*

COMMENT:

(At this point in the discussion there was a very unusual occurrence...a fellow who had been around since the beginning of the meeting and who I had noticed copying down reams of notes...suddenly stood up and interrupted the narrative. He was obviously on dope, because he talked strangely and his eyes were glassy). *CU*

Guy - (Obs) ...all this parliamentary procedure... (Obs) this democratic process...man...we're marxists! We're a socialist movement...you know! We don't have time to waste on this (obs)... Man! I've been listening to this crap and taking notes... and now, this is what I want done!" *CU*

[] - What is this? You can't just cut in like that ...I haven't recognized you...sit down! *CU*

Guy - (Obs) I'll do what I want to...you know you can't tell me what to do! I've been listening to (obs) and I haven't really said too much...now, have I? Now just let me finish! *CU*

[] - OK, but you've just got 3 minutes! *CU*

Guy - (Obs) ...your three minutes, man...I've got 20 pages of notes here. I'll take as long as I want and don't interrupt... you know! *CU*

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COMMENT:

(At this point [] came in with supper and suggested we all eat before it got cold...Nobody moved from their seat for over two hours... and everybody was writing furiously as Guy talked... at times he acted like FIDEL CASTRO acts when giving a speech. Everyone was much more attentive while guy spoke than they had been for any other speaker ...the control of the group quietly slipped from the chairman, [] ...to Guy...who seemed more important than anyone there! (P.S. - the food got kinda cold!) *CU*

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Guy -- "You all talk about how hard it is to raise funds! Well, that's a bunch of (obs). Listen... if I can go to Washington and approach one State representative and get 50 grand...just like that, then why can't you raise a few grand with 3,000 members? *KU*

Man...you got to butter these people up...you know! Tell them what they want to hear, man ... play the roll! Well, take their money and their support, man...we'll use them! They won't be around after the revolution, anyway...you know! *KU*

Now this is what we have to do here...how it should be done! -- example: *KU*

(Motion)

1. Before convention a committee (not necessarily nat'l officers) should prepare a job description of nat'l office...to be completed by Apr. 1st to be approved by convention! *KU*
2. The people who take this job elected & appointed, when not proficient...should be called 1st by staff, 2nd by NCC. *KU*
3. That a consistent schedule of meetings be formulated...by NCC, regional & Nat'l Office Staff. *KU*

Suggested Officers:

1. Chairman - One who will represent the DuBois Clubs both at home and abroad. *KU*
2. Vice-Chairman - one who is experienced in community development and campus development. *KU*

"I'm not going to pull any Troika deal ... I think 2 should be enough for our purposes. I'm just suggesting these officers & proposals for approval now...but I want them voted in as I say... I'll just appoint these people...but for all practical purposes we'll say they were elected!" *KU*

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3. Treasurer - We'll do away with this silly office - it's a holdover from grammar school, anyway! We'll hire an experienced accountant to handle the cash & papers. *XV*

4. Fund raiser - We'll create this job and hire a professional fund raiser who will deal strictly with fund raising. *XV*

Publications Director *XV*

(Appointed)

- a. Insurgent) Elected by/and/or the
- b. Dimensions) Recommended of the other
- c. Spur) Directors of publications
(they would appoint their staff)

Elected Officers:

- 1. Labor Co-Ordinator (with 2 field secretaries)
- 2. Community Co-Ordinator (with 2 field secretaries)
- 3. Education Director.
- 4. Peace chairman. *XV*

"People in this organization have to run this organization...it is yours...and without you, it doesn't exist!" *XV*

"What's all I've got to say...(obs), man! I left out the best parts because you're all in a hurry to end this meeting...I left out the juice, baby! The real stuff...I didn't really need these notes, you know! They told me what to say before I came here.... That's the way it is!" *XV*

6. MISCELLANEOUS - *XV*

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"If GUY is through with his speech...I'll proceed with the final item on the agenda. We must all work extremely hard for the next few months if we want to pull this thing off this summer. Immediately start implementing the program in your areas as soon as you get back. *XV*

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Our next Nat'l Coordinating Committee (NCC) will be on June 14, 15 & 16th and the Convention will be on June 17, 18 & 19th." *LU*

[] - "Before everyone leaves tonight we want you to stick around and watch a movie we brought from the coast...it was filmed by the DuBois Clubs and I'm in it." *LU*

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[] -- "One more thing -- tomorrow we are planning to picket the home of [] who lives in Elmwood Park...try to be here by noon because we'll be taking several cars out there to picket for about an hour. As you know he is responsible for closing the Venice West Cafe in Venice, Calif., where we had our meetings... [] and [] who run the place will appreciate your support." *LU*

MISC.

COMMENTS:

(There will be another "Int'l Days of Protest Against the War in Vietnam" on March 25-26. This demonstration to be held internationally will be the biggest...co-ordinated propaganda effort ever devised...in Moscow, where the plan originated." *LU*

There will also be a "SANE March" on April 30th. *LU*

A film currently being pushed by the DuBois Clubs and other communists groups is the propaganda picture, "To Die in Madrid." It was mentioned that other red movies pushed from time to time were: "On the Beach," "7 Days in May" and "Fail Safe." *LU*

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Comment by [] - "As of this year...the bay area ran out of leaders- look toward your own areas for left leadership & sponsors." *LU*

Comment by [] - "We started off the biggest civil rights movements & demonstrations in the north ...before the Viet Nam war." *LU*

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[redacted] - Teamster, trade union lecturer-
DuBois Club Organizer in L.A. *SV*

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[redacted] working on peace on Chicago's north
side. *SV*

DuBois Clubs are trying to get 2 people to work
with [redacted] on the staff of "Southern
Patriot" *SV*

The DuBois Club has been active in week-end retreats
for community youth...sponsored by SCLC. *SV*

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Moderator:

Now let's pick up on our first call and see what we have here. Your on the air. This is [REDACTED]. Go ahead with your question please.

1st Speaker:

Thank you, Mr. [REDACTED] I am a Negro woman and first I want to ask you this question. Did you read that magazine, that book, that the John Birch Society put out? It wasn't delivered in a Negro neighborhood.

Moderator:

They have put out several. I have read several.

1st Speaker:

This one that had a lot of stuff in it, I've been looking, I've been on this phone for about 20 minutes, you know waiting, and I couldn't find it but I have it somewhere here in the house.

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Moderator:

Well, what is your question?

1st Speaker:

Well, I want to ask you what is the meaning of the Birch Society, not just for the Negro people, for the white, because in this book it says that do you want them to move in the house with you, do you want them to live next door to you and I just want to know, I don't know, I want to know I guess you hear about the John Birch Society and I want to know what is their goal or what are they working for? What is it, do you know?

Moderator:

Well, we've gone through that in the first part of the program, but I'll ask Mr. [REDACTED] if he wants to brief it up or reply anyway he sees fit.

2nd Speaker:

I'm most interested in this publication, you have no idea what the name of it is maam.

1st Speaker:

Well I really don't and I have looked through every book. I might have threw it out, but I, listen, I work in Skokie, now we didn't get it. I live in Chicago on the south side,

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1st Speaker (Con't.) Now we didn't get this in Chicago, I mean in the Negro neighborhood, but I did get it out in Skokie and it was published in Morton Grove.

Moderator: And you don't remember the name of it?

1st Speaker: And it has a picture of this man and woman on it. I can't even think of their names. It says, what do you want, do you want them to live in a room in a house with you.

2nd Speaker: Yes, well the point I'm trying to get clear in my own mind, I thought you said it was a John Birch Society publication.

1st Speaker: It is.

2nd Speaker: No maam it isn't. This is the thing I'm talking about. It can be

1st Speaker: Well just give me the purpose of the John Birch Society

2nd Speaker: Well our purpose is to work for less government, more responsibility, and we think out of that we'll have a better world.

1st Speaker: Well can you tell me what is communism?

2nd Speaker: Yes maam, it's a criminal conspiracy.

1st Speaker: Criminal?

2nd Speaker: Out to take over the world, uh huh.

1st Speaker: That's what the NAACP is?

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2nd Speaker: No, I didn't say that. [] asked me a question about the NAACP, and I simply pointed out that the only Negro founder of the NAACP, ultimately announced his membership in the Communist Party, and I also indicated to him that a number of

2nd Speaker(Con't): people who have been active at the top, in the NAACP, in the leadership categories, have

1st Speaker: Do you believe that?

2nd Speaker: Well, it's in the record maam, you could check that out for yourself.

1st Speaker: Well do you believe Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and our leaders now our communists?

2nd Speaker: MARTIN LUTHER KING, I know of no indication that he is a member of the Communist Party, but he has consistently surrounded himself with identified communists. I think _____ for example.

1st Speaker: Excuse me, do you know what we Negro people have been taught that communists are?

2nd Speaker: What?

1st Speaker: That is that we want our rights. I want a right to live, I want rights to sleep, I want right to work and I want honest living. I want an honest living and my husband do to. We have good jobs.

2nd Speaker: Well, now let me ask you this maam.

1st Speaker: That's what we have been taught that communism is, and its certain amount of people don't want us to have. You know Mr. _____ is one of them?

2nd Speaker: He's one of

1st Speaker: I said Mr. _____ is one of them. I've been listening to this program ever since. WBBM has these calling programs, this is the first time ever I've been on this program. Do you know we've been taught that the black man is just as good as the white man if he'd get out

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1st Speaker(Con't): and get an honest living, and a criminal is a criminal if he's black or if he's white.

2nd Speaker: Well maam, let me go back and check one point through with you. I think the thing that you're talking about, the right to achieve as much as you can achieve, the right to have freedom of employment, that's exactly what's guaranteed to you under the Constitution and I.....

1st Speaker: But not in your.....

Moderator: Now let him answer maam.

1st Speaker: Not in your society. Oh, I'm sorry.

2nd Speaker: Now this is exactly what we're talking about and it's the thing I was, we're talking about before the break just recently, that there have been many, many cases of Negroes who have done and who have achieved by their own initiative, by their own hard work...look at the number of colored doctors and lawyers for example. Look at the number of people who have done exceedingly well, probably overcoming many handicaps because they were Negroes, but they did achieve it just as you are doing, and we think the answer is to give every citizen without regard to race or color, the chance to go as far as they can.

Moderator: All right, listen I'm going to interrupt at this point, it's been a good discussion, because we're going to have to move on, we're getting a lot of calls in here now. On to our next call in just a moment. This afternoon at 4:10 join ART on RED WEAVER Sportsline. It's your change.

Moderator(Con't.): to ask the questions of WBBM's outdoor editor. Where do you plan to spend your vacation, where's the best place for camping? Ask the man who knows, ART and then express your sports opinion to RICK at 5:10 on WBBM Sportsline, 780 on your radio in Chicago.

On the Saturday edition of the current Firing Line, we have Mr. NORMAN THOMAS as our guest, and we'll be ready for our next call in just a moment.

Commercial:

Mr. NORMAN THOMAS is the Coordinator for Northern Illinois for the John Birch Society, he's our guest today, and we're ready for another call.

You're on the air, can we have your question please?

3rd Speaker:

Good afternoon ☐

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First of all, I'd like to start by telling you I am not a member of the John Birch Society, nor is my husband, but he did come to this country less than ten years ago from Hungary, he escaped under gunfire and what have you, and he is working today so he couldn't call himself to tell you this but he has told me on many occasions as have the people that we have since managed to help escape as recently as this summer, that the Communists are very actively involved in this civil rights program and they teach their people this quite openly in the schools and in their armed forces, they are taught both the physical and the psychological means of getting into these demonstrations

3rd Speaker(Con't): that are already started.. As Mr. THOMAS said they are always instructed to never start anything.

Moderator: All right now, your talking about Negroes in Yugoslavia, is that it?

3rd Speaker: No, no, my husband came from Hungary.

Moderator: From Hungary, now you're talking about Hungary when you're Negroes.

3rd Speaker: No, now they have no Negroes in Hungary. My husband never saw a Negro 'till he came to this country.

Moderator: I see.

3rd Speaker: But what he has said is in the schools there they are taught, and they actually get recruits in the schools in Hungary to come to this country to work in civil rights and any area where they can cause trouble, if there are some areas where religion is a very severe problem, as far as one side, shall we say, against the other, and these people are given specific assignments.

Moderator: Did your husband work for the government in Czecho, excuse me in Hungary?

3rd Speaker: In Hungary, no.

Moderator: Well, I wondered how he knows this is what I'm trying to get at.

3rd Speaker: Well, in school, in the schools, the schools are taught by communists and they after the children separated by the smart and not so smart, shall we say, and the brighter students are put into Communist run schools with Russian professors.

Moderator: Well certainly, because it is a Communist country.

3rd Speaker: Right. Well the lesser students so far as the academic thing, I mean they're put in just regular schools, but the brighter children are put in Russian schools.

Moderator: Um huh.

3rd Speaker: And in these schools these children are, and I mean this is on up through high school and early college.

Moderator: Well the thing I'm wondering is why would he know any more after leaving Hungary and coming to this country, why would he know that there are people who are being trained and sent to this country to teach in schools here as they can, any more than I would know if I left here and went to Russia and said well I know that American teachers are leaving America and they're being brought into this country to teach the American language, the American political philosophy and so on.

3rd Speaker: Well for two reasons, one when he was still there, meaning he was involved in it first hand, and for the second reason we have, as I say, as recently as this past summer, we are continuing to bring people out; his grandparents were brought out just five months ago. His aunt is, well we're in the process of bringing her out for good now. She was here on a visitor's visa this summer and her son is in the Army. Now she told us that her son is taught right in the Army, they are given just like our boys are trained in guerrilla warfare, Viet Nam, for Viet Nam. Their boys in their service are trained, certain of them, I mean not all of them, are trained to infiltrate these mobs in these countries. And then....

Moderator:

I don't doubt the point your making, I'm sure they're trained for this purpose and it being a Communist country I would say that communism is taught every step of the way, but as to their success in getting into this country and in infiltrating and so on I would seriously question that unless I really knew more about it.

Mr. THOMAS I haven't asked you if you have a comment.

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Moderator:

All right.

2nd Speaker:

To give you the theoretical background on this whole thing let me quote to you from some of the worlds....

LENIN said this, and I'm quoting: The social revolution cannot come about except in the form of an epic of proletarian civil war against the bourgeoisie in the advanced countries combined with a whole series of democratic and revolutionary movements including movements of national liberation in the undeveloped, backward and oppressed nations; that's LENIN. STALIN said this and this was the point I was making before and this is the point this lady's making, STALIN said, and I'm quoting: The weakness of the capitalistic world which we can use are its inseparable antagonisms, antagonisms which dominate the whole international situation. And the of course the point I made about BILL FOSTER, in this country, head of the Communist Party, and I'm quoting again from his book "Towards Soviet America": Communist action is based upon the slogan of class against class, well there's their theory; now what we're arguing about, not arguing, but talking about is are they successfully implementing their own theory

2nd Speaker(Con't.):in this country in what they call the civil rights movement. And we would maintain, yes that they are. This again, I want to emphasize this, does not mean that the huge per cent of the people who are duped into helping, probably sincere idealists in many cases, know what they're doing or realize the Communist agitation behind it, but they've set out the theory, they've also laid out the program and we've known that there have been Communists involved in civil rights movement.

Moderator: And we're going to move on to another call. Thank you for your call ma'am. We'll pick up our next call in a moment.

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You're on the air with Mr. THOMAS. Go ahead please.

4th Speaker: Hello, Mr. THOMAS.

2nd Speaker: Yes.

4th Speaker: First of all, let me say I'm not too familiar with the intentions of the John Birch Society.

Moderator: Could you speak out a little ma'am.

4th Speaker: But after hearing you, today, you seem to be so afraid that communism is taking over, you seem to feel that all the civil rights movements to be infiltrated by communists, I'd like say and quote to you something that I heard last night. He said the one way in which America can assure itself of not being taken over by communists is to make democracy so attractive that no one will be interested in communism. Now if you are really concerned about a communist undertaking, if you are really concerned about communism taking over civil rights movements, why doesn't your

4th Speaker(Con't.):society work to make democracy so attractive for the Negro American that he will not have to worry about the Negro American being interested in Communism.

2nd Speaker: b6 Well, let me say this, I'm not familiar
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 of conversation here, did he actually say
 our country was a democracy?

4th Speaker: I don't think we call our country a democracy
 we know that tradionary version is that
 we are really a republic.

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am..

4th Speaker: But we are supposed to be a democracy.
 We're supposed to be working for democracy.
 And why don't you work, why doesn't your
 society work to make this our country,
 our own way of living so attractive that
 we will not be interested in the communist
 plan. Frankly, I cannot share your concern
 about communism..I believe the John Birch
 Society is unduly alarmed, as a matter of
 fact I think that they know that they are
 unduly alarmed that there is a communist under
 every bed. But if you do feel this way,
 then I say the one way in which it could be
 corrected and corrected forever is to make
 and to live up to what our Constitution says
 and our Bill of Rights says, to give every
 man his right as a citizen, let him go as far
 as his own intellect will take him, as far as
 his own ambition will him.....

2nd Speaker: I think that in effect was what I said wasn't
 it ma'am, that the whole purpose of our form
 of government was to give every person the
 opportunity to achieve as much as he could.
 Now in a democracy, you keep talking about
 a democracy, and I want to go back, this is
 one of my favorite topics, we're not a

2nd Speaker(Con't.):democracy, we were never supposed to be, and let me just to tell you what we're talking about; a lynch mob is democracy in action, did you ever think about that? We all voted to hang you. You lost the vote. Now that's democracy in action with no regard for minority rights. But to make it a little bit more official, let me give you a definition of democracy: A government of the masses, authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of direct expression, results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic, negating property rights.

4th Speaker: I beg your pardon, who's definition is this?

2nd Speaker: Well this comes out of the War Department's Training Manual Number 2000-25.

4th Speaker: In the general vernacular we speak about what is democracy. You and I understand what we mean by democracy and we....

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am, I understand what you mean by democracy.

4th Speaker: do not mean by democracy the definition that you are giving there.

2nd Speaker: Then you won't argue with me if I call a cow a pig, will you. It's just a little difference of opinion, they're all four legged.

4th Speaker: Look, we know exactly what you think of democracy and I speak of our country as a democracy, you know what I mean. We do not mean it in the sense that you've just given me.

2nd Speaker: There is no basis of fact for calling our country a democracy. The founding fathers

2nd Speaker(Con't.):were very clear.....

4th Speaker: It is called a democracy.....

2nd Speaker: No ma'am.

4th Speaker: We do not call ourselves a democracy?

2nd Speaker: There are people who may think that, apparently as you do, that we have a democracy, and that's our form of government, the founding fathers very clearly pointed out that they didn't want a democracy.

4th Speaker: Well, then all right, I'll grant you then, if you don't want to call it a democracy, then call it anything you like.....

2nd Speaker: I call it a Constitutional Republic.

4th Speaker: Still our Constitution is supposed to guarantee the right of every citizen in this country. Okay if you don't want to call it a democracy, I don't care what you call it.

2nd Speaker: Every citizen of what.....

4th Speaker: If you want to make, if you felt that this way of government is exactly, then why not make it effective, and the best way for every citizen of the country, instead of just a few. You say you do not Dr. you do not know who Dr. [] is, but you do say that you spoke a little while ago of some of your friends who were Negro leaders. Now could you tell me one name of one of these Negro leaders?

2nd Speaker: I don't think I said I had friends who are Negro leaders.

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2nd Speaker(Con't.): I mentioned a number of Negro leaders.

4th Speaker: Do you know in friends in the, who have spoken at Birch Society meetings and the Negro leaders have told you that they had never seen such.....

2nd Speaker: No ma'am, I don't think I said that.

4th Speaker: White hatred extremists.

2nd Speaker: I mentioned a conversation I had with Miss JULIA BROWN, who.....

4th Speaker: JULIA BROWN?

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am, who.....

4th Speaker: Can you tell me some other people that you consider Negro leaders?

2nd Speaker: Well I was mentioning that specific conversation, I didn't mention any conversation with Negro leaders as I recall.

4th Speaker: Well who was it that gave you the idea there was a great feeling of Negro hatred for whites now, more than there had ever been before the civil rights movement?

2nd Speaker: I said in my conversation with Miss JULIA BROWN as a colored lady, who served the FBI in the Communist Party, for as I recall 9 years, she mentioned that she is seeing an increase in the amount of anti-white feeling among many of her colored friends and this concerns her greatly, and I think that....

4th Speaker: That the influx of anti-white. Could it possibly be that that feeling has been there all the time and that finally expressed and if it has been there, can you very well blame us?

2nd Speaker: Well ma'am.....

4th Speaker:I know we supposed to love people who misuse you but is it easy to do? Nobody has to teach me to hate you. Nobody has to teach me to hate the white man. The white man taught me that years ago. The white man taught that by keeping his foot on my neck. He taught me that bymy great grandfather. Nobody has to teach me to hate you.

2nd Speaker: Well, ma'am I certainly hope you're working against these feelings; we're sure trying to, because that's the kind of thing that brings about,

Moderator: Well I think we're going to move on to another call here. These points have been made now, and we're going to move on to another call. Thank you for your call ma'am. Did you have any additional comments you wanted to make along these lines, Mr. THOMAS?

2nd Speaker: Well, this is the thing that bothers me that the success that the Communists have had in creating an animosity which doesn't necessarily have to be there and shouldn't be there. And I am afraid, I always hate to comment after the lady, you know, when she doesn't have a chance to talk back, but this is the thing we're trying to overcome. I pointed out the Communists make use of agitation and of problems and I'm afraid this lady in her way has fallen for the racists propaganda that the Communists have

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2nd Speaker(Con't.): been putting out, just as so many white people have. And this is the danger.. This is the thing we're trying to get everybody to be aware of. Look, don't fall for the sucker bait. Don't bite for the Communist bit. Let us work together and overcome the problems that we do have, and I'm not discounting the problems at all. But let us do it.

Moderator: We'll pick up our next call in just a moment.

Commercial.

You're on the air your question please.

5th Speaker: Mr. THOMAS?

2nd Speaker: Yes ma'am.

5th Speaker: I want to ask you something about the American Opinion Library Stores . Are they individually owned or individually staffed?

2nd Speaker: The American Opinion Library Bookstores, and we have 4 in the Chicago area, Glenview, Lombard, River Forest and Homewood, they are projects of the John Birch Society. They are financed, owned and operated by members in the area.

5th Speaker: Well I'd like to tell you an experience I had with your store on Ridge Avenue, which is now closed. I went in there one evening, it was only open in the evenings and during the day on Saturday, I was going by and I wanted to look around, I was the only person in there and the young man in charge was on the phone and I looked around. He got off the phone and he asked what I was looking for and I said I just wanted to look at the books. I like to see both sides of a question. He said well what type of

5th Speaker(Con't.): literature are you looking for. And I said well what do you mean what type. He said how extreme. Why do you have different degrees of exterminism conservatism. He said well we have some on this counter. He didn't know me from ADAM. I am not a John Bircher. I'm not anything, except what I believe in and he pulled out some of the worst trash, it's what I would call pornographic actually, that stirred hatred, race hatred, religious hatred, all kinds of things. The book called Selma, that it's actually obscene. He pulled out things of RICHARD Conservative Youth. Why he had all kinds of things underneath.

Moderator: All right, I'm going to interrupt you there and ask for his comment because we only have a minute left in this portion of the program.

2nd Speaker: I'm wondering, are you talking about the publication that was put out by the Chamber of Commerce of Selma, Alabama, called "Section Civil Rights Movements".

5th Speaker: No, it was called "Selma" by ROBERT MITELL (phonetic), that was just pure pornography.

2nd Speaker: Well, this is the story of what took place on the so-called 'Selma March.

5th Speaker: Yes well he said that

2nd Speaker: I think those were affidavits, weren't they, about the sexual orgies. Is that the one you're talking about.

5th Speaker: But this wasn't the only thing, he had anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Negro, anti-everything.

2nd Speaker: Now let me ask you this, are you talking about stuff that he may have given you or stuff that was stocked by the American Opinion Library.

5th Speaker: It was stocked there. He had it all.

2nd Speaker: No ma'am, I know that some.....

5th Speaker: He was a very stupid man incidently.

2nd Speaker: That's, you're certainly entitled to your opinion, but I don't and I'm sure your not going to find that that's anything promoted by the John Birch Society. We have specifically discounted RICHARD COTTEN and his activities.

Moderator: Ma'am I am sorry I have to interrupt. I gave you forewarning, we're out of time for this portion. Thank you for your call.

End of first portion of show.

Second portion of show.

Moderator: Thus far we've discussed generally the Birch Society operations, its view of civil rights, that is as it applies to the demonstrations and so on, that have been going on these past couple of years.

Let's take off this second part Mr. NORMAN THOMAS if we may by talking about something that I believe I read out of the Anti-Defamation League periodical or bulletin. They tried to draw a parallel line between the John Birch Society and Communism itself and they sort of draw the old line of SHAKESPEARE, who said, you protest too much. They tried to parallel your operations

Moderator(Con't.): to that of Communism, saying that really your ultimate goal is to take over the government and infiltrate yourself into Washington and so on. Give us an answer on that..

2nd Speaker: Okay. This incidently. They just simply picked up the Communist line. You know through the years, the Communists, the worst thing the Communists could say about you is that you're like the Communist and this is, oh for just years and years. The ADL for some reason has chosen to pick this same approach up, but the point that I think should be obvious to anyone who understands that we're working for less government, more responsibility, if we're successful in promoting that concept to a vast majority of the American public, what is there to take, I mean, no point in taking over less government, because throughout all of history, and I should think the ADL would be more aware of this than anyone else with HITLER in mind, the two components of any tyranny have been amoral men controlling big government. This is tyranny over and over again, so if you don't have big government, then these amoral men simply become common criminals. They don't go into the government. So that the point is ridiculous, on the face of the thing.

Moderator: All right. Do you really think there is the amount of, obviously you do, but the Communist conspiracy you talk about, do you think they are at this point in danger of actually taking over this country? Do you think its possible for Communism to take over this country?

2nd Speaker:

I have seen many more country after country go down the drain to Communism, primarily since August, 1945, [] but I want to point out to you listeners. The Communists aren't that good and never have been. They aren't nine feet tall but are organized and are working for a specific goal which is world domination, and the vast majority of the citizens of the world in various countries are disorganized. Gee, nobody's for Communism except of course the hard-core Communists and their sympathizers, but the vast majority of the people in Czechoslovakia, the vast majority of the people in Russia, for example, are not Communists are not opposed to Communism. Gee, the people living under Communism hate Communism the most. This three to four per cent of the top have been able, by being organized and working on a specific program, to take over country after country. Of course it is a threat, but the point we're making is that it doesn't have to happen by simply exposing this handful of conspiracists for what they are. That's all we're talking about. That is why, as I say, we are not for profitable education organization and we have borne the brunt of the attack by the Communists and their friends. All we're talking about is finding out what Communism is plus learning about and promoting our own system, our own constitutional republic and our own free enterprise system which correlates with it. This gives the citizens of the United States are better off by any measure you want to use. You can stick strictly to the materialistic standpoint if you want too: -TV sets, radios, airplanes, automobiles. We are better off than any society in the history of mankind and I think we should be promoting in talking about that, more than knocking our country. It is disconcerting to me to hear leaders of the country knocking our form of government and knocking our achievements and so on, and so forth. Let's talk about what we've done

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because we're the greatest country in the world. There's no question about that.

Could I go back for a minute, [] to the last phone call; the lady who called in about the book store. I obviously, in a situation like that, have no idea what transpired, but it's a point I think should be covered. She mentioned that, I think, anti-Semitic literature was shown to her and anti-Catholic. Well, in the John Birch Society we have now and had in the beginning, a priest on the Council of the John Birch Society, which is the top governing body. We have a number of Jewish members. As a matter of fact, just a few weeks ago a number of our Jewish members got together and formed the Jewish Society of Americanists. We're trying to encourage more and more of our Jewish fellow citizens to join with us in this struggle to oppose oppression being done. I might point out to you, and we are most pleased with this, we are getting more and more colored citizens to go on our American Opinion Speakers Bureau. [] [] Moscow trained Communist who was taught these revolutionary street fighting tactics in the Lenin School in Moscow; he's GUS STALL's roommate, incidentally, over there as I understand it. I would like very much when we bring [] to town, if you have a free spot on one of your shows and let him tell what he was taught as a Negro Communist in Moscow. He broke with the Party, of course, obviously.

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Moderator:

Very fine, we'd love to have him and we'll keep in contact along this line. But you raised a point here that also I can find some fault with. For example, you're very willing to go back in 1928 and quote somebody who was a Communist at that time, whether he's responsible for one of the first civil rights movements or whether he was just a man who was

Moderator:

for Communism at that time and you point to him and you say, you know, he was there and he in Communism and this is wrong. But why then are you willing to guys you just spoke about, who were Communists and who have seen the light, let's say. But if you take thirty years, go back in history, don't you think a great many of these men who took advantage of the Communist Movement, which that time was no danger, I mean everybody was, not everybody, but many people, were joining the Communist Party back in the thirties and the twenties, and they didn't realize, I think, what it was and many men had joined and when they found out they left the Communist Party. But they had suffered to an extent for this. So why is it right to go back to 1928 and say, "Hah, this man was a Communist" and why is it right for you to say "Well, this man was trained in Moscow but now he's speaking for us".

2nd Speaker:

Well, I think the differentiation is this, the question is well taken. Many people were duped into joining the Communist Party. The lady I mentioned, [redacted] thought she was joining a civil rights movement, got home and read the card that she joined the Communist Party. Went to the FBI right away. The differentiation between having, well let's say, being conned into joining either a Communist front or a Communist Party, the Communist Party itself, and then breaking with it, people like [redacted], a Negro, and [redacted], a Negro, broke with the Party and have given valuable testimony concerning the Party's operation and particularly the Party's activities within the so-called civil rights movement. Anybody can make a mistake and these people have tried to rectify it. That seems to be an important differentiation. I think, as I pointed out initially, in the so-called civil rights movement the Communists have been extremely successful in getting dupes and idealists to do their dirty work for them. This has been

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the key to their success. They aren't that good by themselves but they can con people into doing the dirty work for them, and I think this is the important thing we've got to consider, and we've got to also take a look a person did he unknowingly join some party or join some front and get burned once and break with it, and did he do his best to bring out the facts about the mistake he made. That's very important. Everybody's entitled to a mistake. Did you attempt to correct and justify that, or in fact repent for that mistake....

Moderator:

You've got to admit, however, that it takes varying degrees to recognize this, for example, you can join an organization you may not be an active member, you get a card, you fill it out and you stick it in your billfold and you go along for a couple of years, if you don't go to any meetings, you just join the organization. I'm not a joiner. I never have been, but you go around with this card in your pocket and it may be two years before you discover what this is all about then you quit. But this doesn't help a lot of guys who appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee and were charged with being a card carrying member of the Communist Party or a front organization and it literally ruined it. Now, their intentions may have been good at the time. Maybe they didn't know.

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Well [redacted], I think the significant point here, again using example, you talk about what mortifically happens is this: A person in the community receives a phone call and he's told that Mr. so and so suggested that he call you. "We're starting a committee here for peace and democracy. You're for peace and democracy, aren't you?" And the guy says, "Yah, I guess so", and he says, "Well, maybe we can use your name as a sponsor", and the guy says "Okay". He never

2nd Speaker:

hears anything more about it. Oh, maybe an add appears in "The Worker" by this group, this committee, and his name is listed there as a sponsor and about three or four years later, it is determined that this was a lock, stock and barrel Communist operation and here this poor man was duped into it. Typically, I think it is a natural reaction that the next time a guy calls you, boy, you're going to be very cautious about letting him use your name. Sure you got burned once. Now these people who appear before the House Committee, typically, have a long pattern of Communist front affiliations over most of their adult life, for example, or they are being identified under oath as a member of the Communist Party. Now that's a totally different thing. I'm not talking about the guy who got stigery. I think this is the important differentiation.

Moderator:

We'll take up that first phone call on the second portion of the "Firing Line" in just a moment.

Now we're ready for another call.....

6th Speaker:

Mr. THOMAS. You brought up that the original Communist Party group was in Michigan in 1922.

2nd Speaker:

Yes, Sir.

6th Speaker:

Are there any members of that original group still living today?

2nd Speaker:

[redacted] was there. Course he's dead.

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Who was that?

2nd Speaker:

[redacted]

6th Speaker:

Are you familiar with any other, I've heard that mentioned before, I don't know if that was 1922, I'm not sure of the year, but that the original group apparently had been raided by the FBI?

2nd Speaker: By Federal authorities and by the Michigan State Police. They were all involved in this raid over there.

6th Speaker: You don't know who the members were or where that information could be gotten?

2nd Speaker: I'm just trying to think. I would suggest right off hand that you drop a note to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is a book that covers those in attendance but I can't think of the name of it. It was one written back in those days, and I can't think of the name of it. But I would suggest that you either write the Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Congressman WILLIS, or write to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and ask them if they know. Or if you would like....

6th Speaker: Would the American Opinion Library have information of that....

2nd Speaker: They may very well, I just can't think of a source. You might do this. Drop a note to our Research Department in Belmont, Massachusetts, John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and ask them a source of the list of those in attendance there.

6th Speaker: Alright, that would be good. Thank You.

Moderator: Could we have your question for Mr. THOMAS please.

7th Speaker: Yes. I'd like to make a comment on a comparison of thoughts I had towards the John Birch Society and Communism. I, being American born of Russian parents who had deserted Russia and fled for their lives, I have something that I have to hold dear to, the fact that my folks were able to come to this country and six of their children, including myself, have a wonderful country to hold and stand by. Now, the John

7th Speaker:

Birch Society, I'm not a member of, and when I say member, member by heart or by part. I stand with them 100 per cent and what they want and what they believe in because it is what we believe as American citizens, and as far as the Communistic part, my folks have told me while in Russia there are a Jewish race of people that are very dark-skinned people and they were persecuted as what they call "black devils". They were whipped, their stores were torn apart, their windows broken and they were beaten publically, to the point where they had to flee. All right, that's one thing. There were some black-skinned people who were not Jewish and in Russia at the time my folks were there, these people too were persecuted. My mother said she remembered once a black-skinned man was marched through the streets with nothing but a little piece of material hiding him from the public and she said this was terrible. They didn't understand what was going on or why all this? Now, Communists are here, as I understand, infiltrating the civil rights march and everything. Why did our folks run and other people run from a country like that, because of hate. Because of dislike for race and color, and yet, when I hear our American Negroes are eating this stuff up and are going along with it and saying that we're taught in school that Communism means jobs and equality for all. Communism didn't mean that at all for the people who are in that country and other countries ruled by Russia.

Moderator:

May I ask you ma'am, can you give us a date on the time you were telling us about your parents over in Russia?

7th Speaker:

Well my father is in his middle 60's now and he came here when he was 18.

Moderator: Well would that have been about the time of the Russian Revolution?

7th Speaker: That's right.

Moderator: Well, it was a little difficult to know just what Communism stood for. It seems to me....

7th Speaker: It was a confusion and from what my father says now and as a very good American, he said that if people only knew that the Communists will take the weakest of the people, not the strongest, and work on them; the lazy or the poor and these are considered weak people to Russia, Communists. And they will work on them and say, well you should have more than this, you don't have to work that hard for it, we should all share in the work for it.

Moderator: All right, may I ask Mr. THOMAS if he has any comments.

2nd Speaker: I'm sure you recall a couple years ago when the African students at the Lenin Institute in Moscow were complaining about discrimination. So discrimination is still being practiced in the Soviet Union. If you want to go into it in a little more detail, and this might be very interesting to you, there is a publication available from the Government Printing Office called "The Soviet Union, Prison House of Nations" in which they talk about the discriminatory practices of the Communists against the various nationality groups in what is now the USSR. It is an appalling story.

Moderator: I think it has been known for a long time, despite the fact that Soviet Russia has been on our backs for our discrimination and our prejudice for a long time that it has existed and still does exist in the Soviet Union.

8th Speaker:

Have you read the story of W.E. DU BOIS' life?

2nd Speaker:

What book are you thinking of ma'am?

8th Speaker:

Well, there are many books out. I don't know the name of this particular book, but I do want to know if you had read his life story.

2nd Speaker:

I don't recall reading a book on his life. Is this an autobiography or a biography? I've read a number of things about W.E. DU BOIS, primarily from Communist sources, incidently. But I don't recall specifically reading his autobiography, if that's what your talking about ma'am.

8th Speaker:

Well, I feel that it is very unfortunate that you have only read the books from the Communist point of views.

2nd Speaker:

He was active in the Communist movement. He was a great Communist hero, as I'm sure you know and most of the material I read about him came from Communist sources.

8th Speaker:

Well, I would like to say this, that W.E. DU BOIS unfortunately at the end of his life span, went the Communist way. The beginning of his lifetime he was a big man. He was a scholar, he was a writer, he was a great meteorologist. He was very disappointed at the fact that having achieved the success he had, he was not allowed to enter the main stream of American life, that is to be a first class citizen: just as other Negroes, say like Dr. [redacted] who I'm sure you are familiar with. Now he....

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2nd Speaker:

I went to DePaul University and I believe Dr. [redacted] did too, if my memory serves me correctly.

8th Speaker: Well, now you know the trouble he had when he tried to obtain a home in a suburb.

2nd Speaker: Well, ma'am, isn't that what I said, that there is discrimination. We're not denying that.

8th Speaker: But I think that you should also emphasize the positive side of these people, too. It is very unfortunate that this happened to W.E. DU BOIS but now I think you should also look at the reason why and I think that fortunately most of the majority of Negroes, famous Negroes, like [redacted] and others, have remained true to this government and this is the thing I feel that you should be emphasizing instead of the negative aspects.

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2nd Speaker: I tried to ma'am. I think it is a tremendous tribute to our Negro population that they haven't bought this Communist line.

8th Speaker: But you don't go, you don't emphasize this all the time. Usually all you emphasize is the bad aspects of the Communist infiltrating the civil rights movement. Now, I know that this seems to be the case that the Communists pick the groups that are in the public eye and etc., but I think that for the most part, the civil rights movement has rejected Communist infiltration.

2nd Speaker: Well, I wouldn't be in agreement with you on that. I think it has been led by Communist influences and this is the point that I am making ma'am.

9th Speaker: I would like to ask Mr. THOMAS why the John Birch Society seems to label anyone Communist if they disagree with them. I was thinking primarily of Ex-President EISENHOWER.

2nd Speaker:

Now, ma'am, you've bitten on the old conditioned reflex. Haven't you? The John Birch Society has never taken a stand on former President EISENHOWER or his activities. I assume you are thinking about is this: You are talking about a book which is now available to anyone who wants to buy it called "The Politician", which was written by ROBERT WELCH. It was started as a six page memorandum four years before the John Birch Society was founded. It is available now. It contains, I think, 492 pages. I'm sure it has been one of the most meticulously combed books in the history of publishing and so far nobody has found an error in it. So I suggest you get a hold of a copy of "The Politician" and read and then judge for yourself. See which of these several possibilities he offers you about Mr. EISENHOWER's record. See, here again you got this idea that the John Birch Society has called people Communist and right off the bat the one example you come up with is in error. And this is the kind of thing we're talking about. It's kind of a conditioned response, isn't it?

9th Speaker:

Well, no, not exactly. It was recorded in all the newspapers and radios:.....

2nd Speaker:

Ma'am, we haven't got enough time to talk about the smear of the John Birch Society and again as I say, it's kind of a conditioned response, isn't it? But let me give you this bit of history which you might find interesting. On February 25, we just had an anniversary, on February 25, 1961, the "Peoples World", a West Coast Communist newspaper, launched the attack on the John Birch Society, that was the first time it ever was mentioned in the Communist press. This was a direct outgrowth of a meeting in Moscow

2nd Speaker:

on December 6, 1960. "Peoples World", the Communist publication, launched the attack on the John Birch Society. One week later "Time Magazine" picked up the attack on the Society and made some of the same errors about it that the Communist paper made. Within a month of that date over 100 of the major metropolitan newspapers in this country picked up the attack on the John Birch Society. Course, I could go into HUNTLEY, BRINKLY, CRONKITE, [redacted] and the others, "Time", "Life", "Look", "Newsweek", "Chicago American", "New York Times", interestingly enough, ma'am, if you'll check it out, you'll find the same publications, the same people who attacked the Society have consistently been in error about Communism. I would suggest you go back and read the "New York Times" about eight years ago when [redacted], a Cuban Correspondent, was telling you that FIDEL CASTRO was the JOSE MARTIA of Cuba, or you can go back to about 30 years ago when these same publications were telling you that [redacted] was simply an agrarian reformer. And interesting enough, that's one side of the pattern, if you go back to the other side anybody who has been staunchly anti-Communist has gotten the smear treatments through the years. So there's a pattern there and you've been, obviously, you're subject to the major news media for your news and your source of information. The only point I'm making here is that there is a pattern such as the one I described, and hope you check it out.

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Moderator:

Well, since the media has been involved, may I ask you a question, Mr. THOMAS, if it wasn't directly an accusation that President EISENHOWER was a Communist, wasn't it indicated that he had Communist leadings and in the original book, I don't remember whether this appeared, has it not been changed since that time?

2nd Speaker:

The whole book is simply a review of Mr. EISENHOWER's life-long public record. It's IKE's records, not Mr. WELCH's, and after going through that life-long record at the end of the book Mr. WELCH said, well how can you account for a lifetime like this. He said well, one possibility would be that male is a conscious, dedicated agent of the Communist conspiracy. That would certainly fit the pattern and frankly, it would.

Moderator:

Has this been proven since then?

2nd Speaker:

I don't know in the publication itself whether he actually said that or not but he made a note, you know, that this would be a possibility, but he said if you can't buy that, he would have no argument with you except that IKE was just a sharp politician; just going along with the boys in the back room to advance his own career, without regard to what the consequences might be. And again, that would certainly fit the pattern. And, of course, this goes directly against the EISENHOWER image. You know, IKE a sharp politician, that just doesn't fit the image. That's what the whole book's about, an image of a man. I might point this out to you ma'am: Where did you get your image of the John Birch Society? From the same news media that had built up EISENHOWER.

9th Speaker:

I don't belong to any society. I prefer to think and act as an individual, but I was listening to you a couple weeks ago on a Friday, talking about priests, and I was very interested in it, and I found so many arguments, and I have today listening to you, as again, an individual. I'm not even a citizen of this country, but I think it's a wonderful country and I just find so many arguments. And this Mr. WELCH, he's also a member of this society.

2nd Speaker: He founded it, yes ma'am.

9th Speaker: But, who says that he, you said that he's written this book, why should you say that it's fact?

2nd Speaker: Well, ma'am, he's got 72 pages of footnotes in it with a documentation, and as I say, nobody has been able to catch him in an error of fact yet. I think this is the important thing. You tend to judge a man by his record and while the "New York Times" is telling you that FIDEL CASTRO was the modern day liberator, ROBERT WELCH, at that same time in founding the John Birch Society says that FIDEL CASTRO was a Communist, as he visibly has been all his life. Now, he devotes about the first forty pages of the bluebook which is a transcript of the two day meeting which resulted in the founding of the John Birch Society to giving the analysis of how Communism is advancing throughout the world. He talks about bombing and criminal of Ghana and many others. He was calling the shots and calling them pretty accurately, while "Time", "Life", "Look", "Newsweek", and the others were kind of missing.

Moderator: Okay, we're going to move on to another call.

10th Speaker: Mr. THOMAS. The John Birch Society is extremely critical of the civil rights movement in America.

2nd Speaker: The Communist aspect of it, yes sir.

10th Speaker: What are you doing constructively to help the plight of the Negro in America?

2nd Speaker: Well, we're trying to encourage them, as many outstanding Negroes have done including BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, you notice, he's never taked about by the civil rights agitator. They look down upon BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, but he pointed out that the Negroes have a tough

2nd Speaker:

long road ahead of them as I emphasized earlier in the program. They have done a tremendously outstanding job I think of bettering themselves and they've done it on their own, by their own initiative, and that's the story of this whole country.

10th Speaker:

But is the Birch Society doing anything active as far as their membership is concerned, to preaching of brotherly love rather than agitation towards their Negro fellow man?

2nd Speaker:

Well, let me give you one small but tangible thing that we're doing. I mentioned the colored former Communist [redacted].

10th Speaker:

Forgetting about the Communist aspect, I'm just talking about man to man.

2nd Speaker:

Well, I'm talking about a [redacted] Scholarship Fund, which we have set up, which is open to Negro students in this country. It's a very modest, it amounts to about a thousand dollars a year, but it is a step in the direction that we think is going to bring the greatest advance to our colored citizens.

10th Speaker:

Also you mentioned, on a previous call, commenting on the Selma March, about the document that book, that came out by the Chamber of Commerce itself. Why don't you mention about the testimony that was given by the priests and the nuns regarding the complete denunciations of these remarks, these documented..?

2nd Speaker:

Well the point that I made and I wasn't quite sure what the lady was talking about, there was a publication put out by the, as I recall it, Selma, Alabama Chamber of Commerce, called "Sex in the Civil Rights Movement, The Untold Story of Selma", and

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2nd Speaker: those are affidavits of people who were present, and that's their statement made under oath. Now as I recall, were any of these statements refuting this, made under oath, by any of these clergy that were down there? As I recall they not, they just simply made statements to the newspapers, refuting them, is that right?

10th Speaker: Well, no they did, they testified that...

2nd Speaker: Do you recall where they testified. I can't remember that any of them testified. I don't recall any investigation...

10th Speaker: But this is the shame of this thing, because a remark is made giving one side of a view, and you folks conveniently leave out the other part of the story.

2nd Speaker: Well, the point I'm making sir, is this I'm not standing up for this publication I just, I have seen it....

10th Speaker: Well, you certainly propound it, everything I read in the papers.....

2nd Speaker: Well, I have seen it, I have read the thing, I have read the affidavits. Now these are simply statements of people who were down there. Just as they had, they made a statement, which was sworn to and notarized, so the people refuting it have the right to make that same statement. To the best of my knowledge, none of them have made any formal affidavits, denying it. They've simply made statements to the press, which does not constitute an affidavit. The unresolved.....

10th Speaker:

Well, the Chamber of Commerce was not participating in the march, but the nuns and the priests that testified, in regards to complete refutation of these remarks and the congressman from Alabama, that got up on the floor in the House, and was, and came up with the vilest kind of remarks, and was almost shouted down by the other members of Congress. These things, you completely leave out of the remarks and innuendoes that are made.

2nd Speaker:

Well, sir, I think the important thing here is if these charges have been made and they are not true, then the leaders of that civil right movement should demand a complete investigation and have all the charges brought out, and properly refute them, in either a court of law or under some kind of a recognized judicial program. And as I'm sure you know, last week in connection with the investigation of the Klan, the first ones to scream about the charges of contempt of Congress against the 5th Amendment pleaders from the Klan were the staunch advocates of the Civil Rights Program, and the reason they advanced was, well, if we press the Klan, then maybe somebody will want to investigate some of the civil rights movements and we don't want that.

10th Speaker:

No this wasn't the reason at all.

2nd Speaker:

Well, that was the reason advanced in the "Chicago Tribune" article that I saw sir.

10th Speaker:

Exactly, but the reasons that are advanced by more liberal thinking papers in their editorials.

2nd Speaker: Well, now did these men say that this was a reason or not. This was a quote as I recall, that's what we're talking about.

10th Speaker: Well, again you're making a statement regarding a specific point of view from your.....

2nd Speaker: I'm quoting, as a matter of fact it was FITZRYAN from New York, the Congressman from New York that I'm thinking about. JOHN FITZRYAN, is that his name. He was the one who very specifically made that point and it seems to me that if there's a difference of opinion, then very serious charges have been hurled, it would behoove the appropriate authorities to conduct a complete investigation of the situation, don't you think?

10th Speaker: Well, perhaps, I think the reason why the civil rights people don't want the investigation of the Klan to go any further because it is in complete disagreement with the tactics and the motives of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

2nd Speaker: Well, let me ask you this sir, do you think the Klan is subversive?

10th Speaker: Yes, I do.

2nd Speaker: Well, how are we going to determine that unless there is a complete investigation of the Klan?

10th Speaker: Well, through a Federal Bureau of Investigation...

2nd Speaker: Well, they're using, I think sir, and this is important, maybe we should take the time b6
 The FBI only gathers evidence, it's b7c
up to either the Attorney General, through the court system or an authorized committee of the Congress to bring the facts out to the public, and that's what the House

2nd Speaker: Committee was trying to do on the Klan and they were in effect thwarted by some of the supporters of the civil rights movement in the Congress.

10th Speaker: Yes, because they believe that tactic isn't useful in a democracy or a republic.

Moderator: Well, gentlemen, we're getting to the rehash point, we better move on to another call. Thanks for your call sir.

You're on the air, can we have your question please?

11th Speaker: Yes, I would like to ask Mr. THOMAS, what the association is between the John Birch Society and TACT?

2nd Speaker: TACT. You're talking about our Truth About Civil Turmoil Program. This is an agenda item in the bulletin of the John Birch Society. We suggest to members and to anyone who's interested in bringing out the truth about civil turmoil, that they go together and form ADHOC Committees in their own communities to bring out this information on the communist infiltration in the civil rights movement.

11th Speaker: Why is this separated from the John Birch Society?

2nd Speaker: For the simple reason, that you have many people, and the whole purpose of an Ad Hoc Committee is to get as many people together who agree on one specific point or program, to work on that program. Now they could be in total disagreement on everything else, but they are in agreement on this one specific thing, and so they get together, work on that, and that's the extent of their association. I think

2nd Speaker: the committee of one million which includes such diverse personalities as Senator PAUL DOUGLAS, and then some of the more conservative elements in this country, is an example of an Ad Hoc Committee. They're opposing the admission of Red China to the UN. That's what they agree on. They may not agree on anything else, and that's what an Ad Hoc Committee is, and that's what we have encouraged our members to do with these TACT Committees.

Moderator: Gentlemen, we're almost out of time, I

11th Speaker: Could I have one more question ☐? b6 b7C

Moderator: Briefly, if you please.

11th Speaker: All right. I've been told that TACT was formed with the idea of possibly getting in on the School Board to some of the local governments. Is that true or not?

2nd Speaker: No sir, I would suggest you get a hold of a copy of the bulletin of the John Birch Society, which is available either by writing the Belmont or visiting one of our American Opinion Libraries and read the whole program for yourself, and you'll see exactly what's outlined there.

11th Speaker: And TACT is in there?

2nd Speaker: Yes sir.

11th Speaker: Okay, thank you very much.

Moderator: Thank you for your call sir.

Moderator:

I want to leave you with one last Mr. THOMAS, which you may comment on if you like. It seems to me, and I think both sides are guilty, I think the Birch Society is just as guilty as the other side, that is in opposition to the Birch Society, I think both are guilty of making innuendoes without stating specific facts. I think they're trying to give an idea that may or may not be correct. I don't think they back up their comments that they have to make and the fight that they're making against Communism seems to me a great deal like the old maid who's looking under the bed. She knows there's nothing there, but she hopes she'll find something.

2nd Speaker:

That reminds me ☐ I wanted to give you a chance to defend yourself on that racist charge that the lady made earlier in the program, speaking of unsubstantiated charges.

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Moderator:

You know, I misunderstood her. I thought she was saying you're one of them, what she was saying was you're wonderful, that's why I let her go on talking.

2nd Speaker:

No, I think the point is this, if anything, our friends on the left are pointing up that there's a Bircher under every bed. The whole argument these days seems to be to talk about, discuss, haggle over the John Birch Society, ignore the programs, the things that they're talking about and if anything ignore what's going on in the world today. Use the John Birch Society, argue that, debate it, do whatever you want to, but don't talk about any of the issues they raise. I think this is the important thing.

Moderator:

Well, I think it is important for the individual to look at both sides and make up his own mind. We're out of time, I'd like to thank our guest for being on our special edition of the Saturday program of the current Firing Line, Mr. NORMAN THOMAS, Coordinator for Northern Illinois for the John Birch Society. It was a pleasure having you sir.

2nd Speaker:

Thank you.

Moderator:

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